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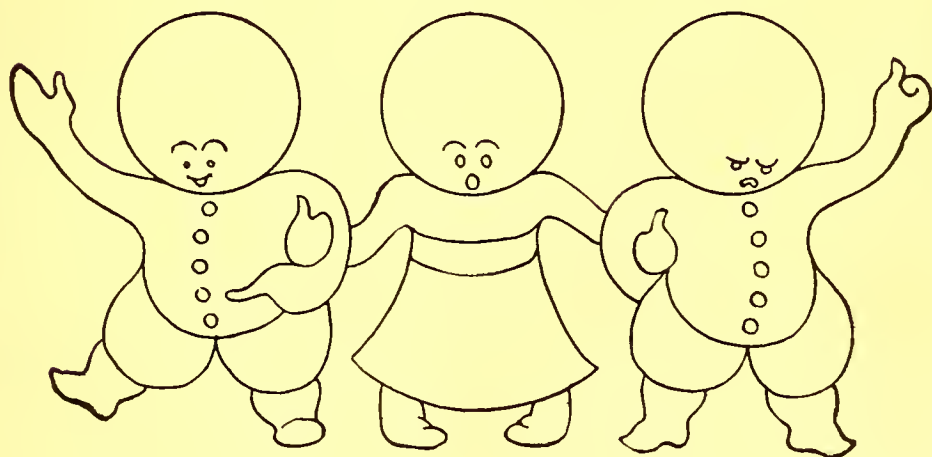




# G O O P S AND HOW TO BE THEM

A Manual of Manners for Polite Infants  
Inculcating many Juvenile Virtues  
Both by Precept and Example  
With Ninety Drawings


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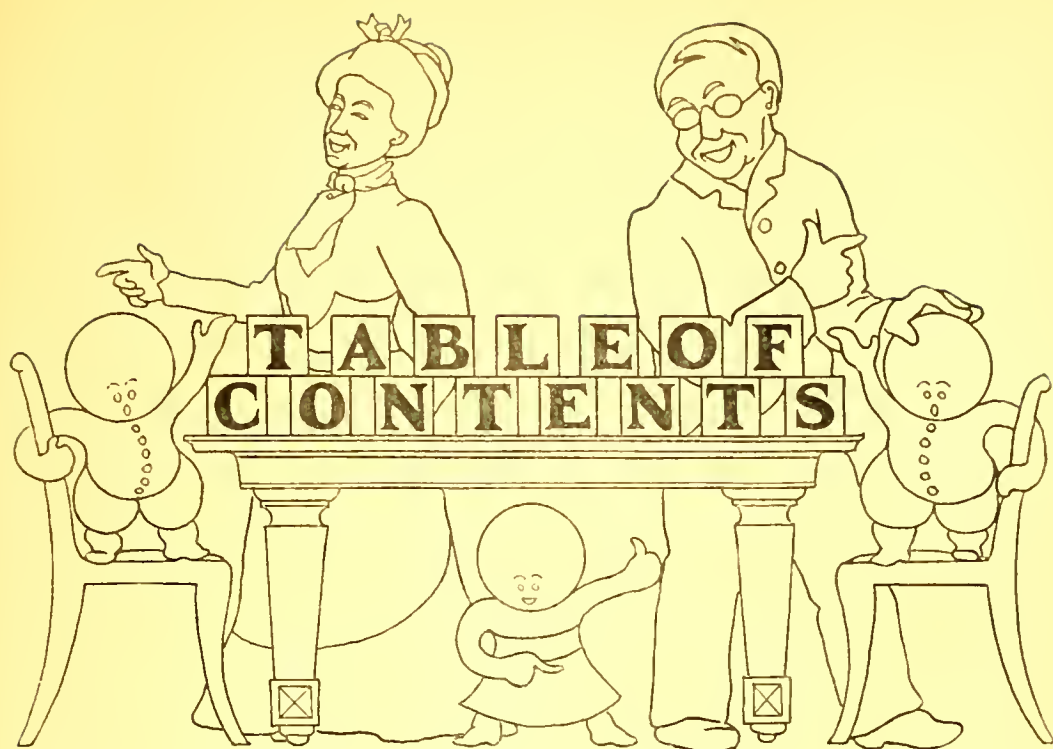
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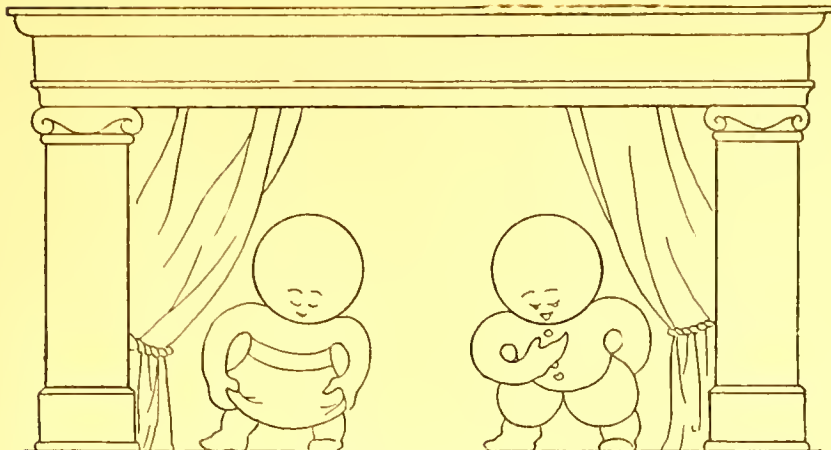
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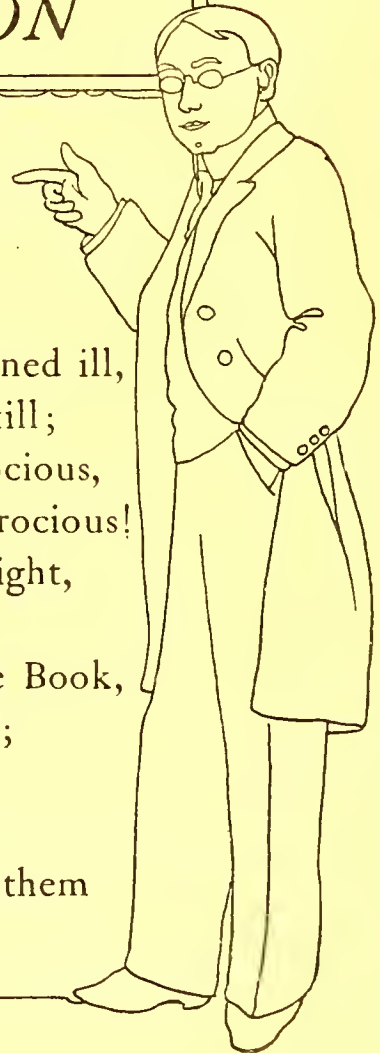
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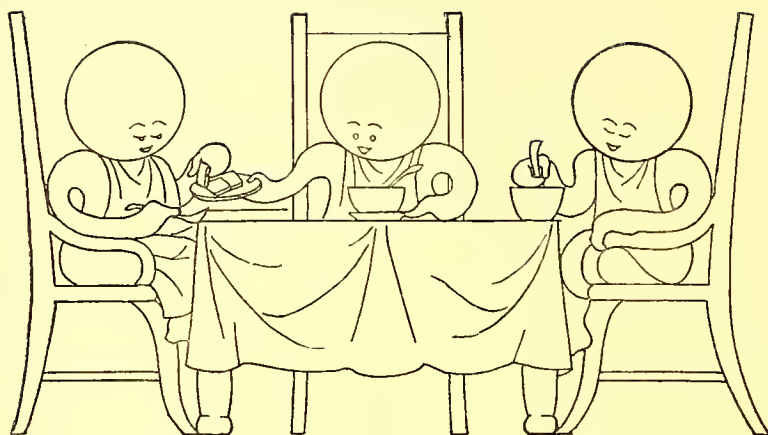
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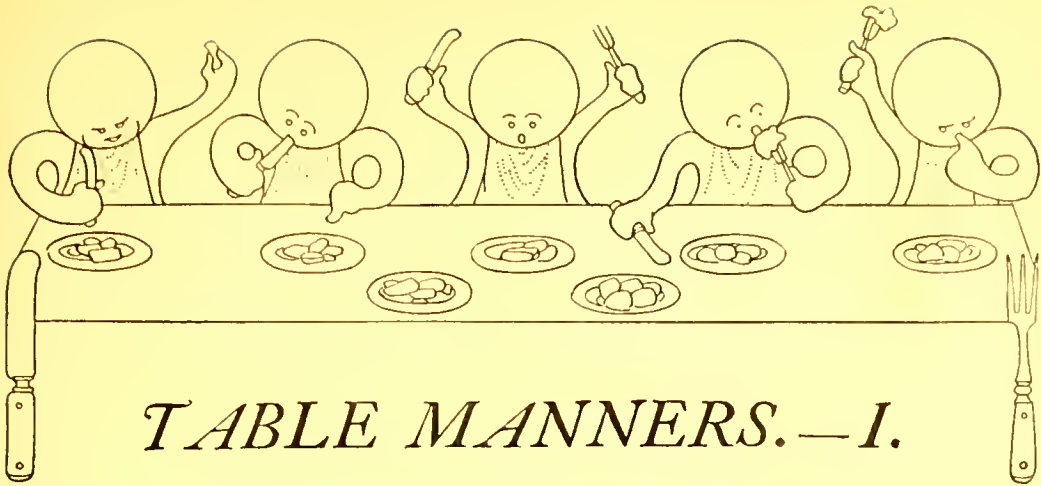
## INTRODUCTION

LET me introduce a Race  
Void of Beauty and of Grace,  
Extraordinary Creatures  
With a Paucity of Features.  
Though their Forms are fashioned ill,  
They have Manners stranger still;  
For in Rudeness they're Precocious,  
They're Atrocious, they're Ferocious!  
Yet you'll learn, if you are Bright,  
Politeness from the Impolite.  
When you've finished with the Book,  
At your Conduct take a Look;  
Ask yourself, upon the Spot,  
*Are you Goop, or are you Not?*  
For, although it's Fun to See them  
It is TERRIBLE to Be them!





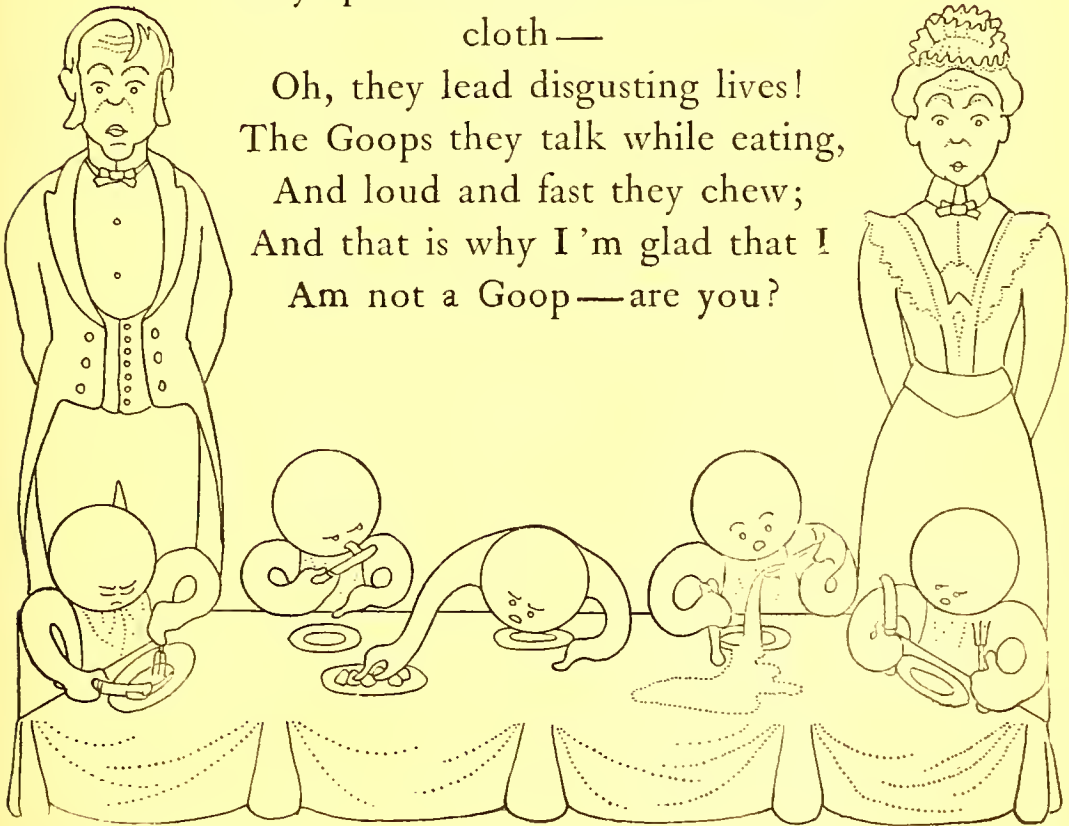


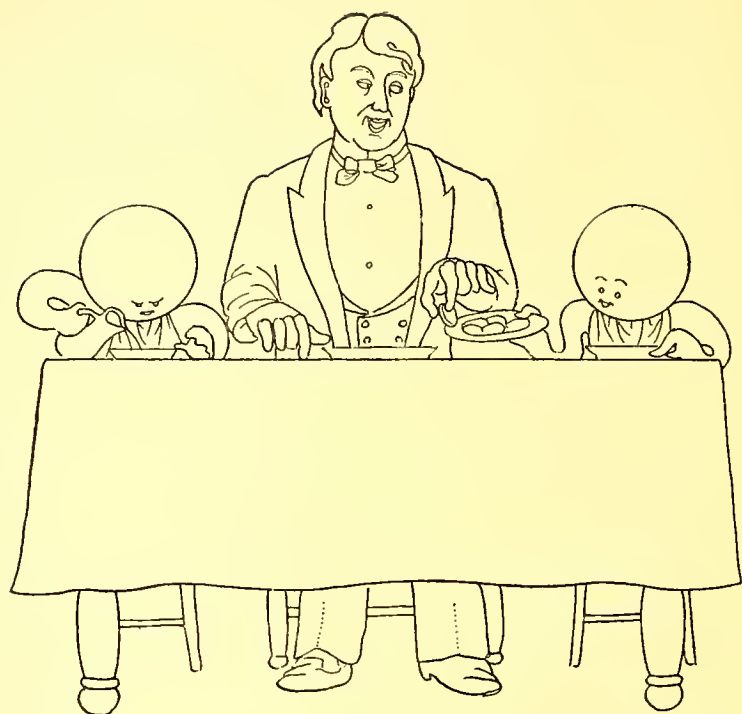


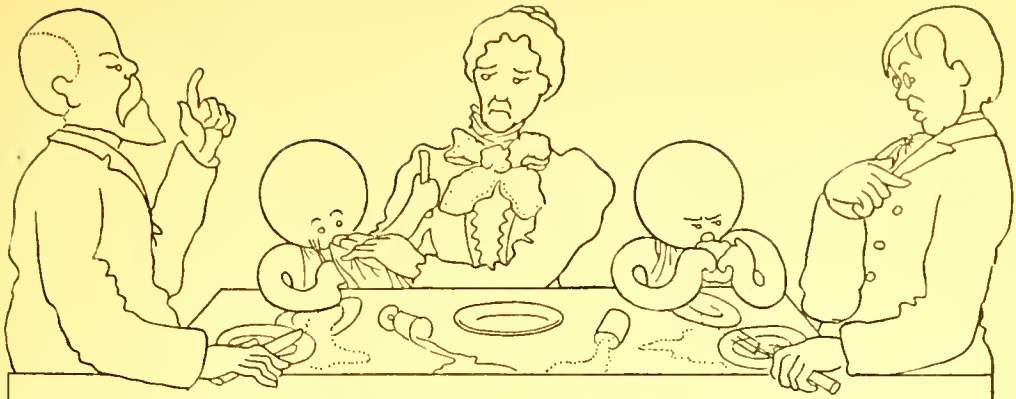
## *TABLE MANNERS.—I.*

THE Goops they lick their fingers,  
And the Goops they lick their  
knives;  
They spill their broth on the table-  
cloth—

Oh, they lead disgusting lives!  
The Goops they talk while eating,  
And loud and fast they chew;  
And that is why I'm glad that I  
Am not a Goop—are you?



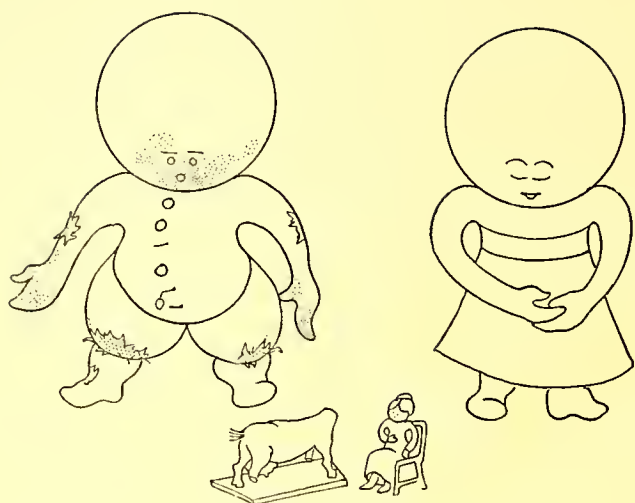


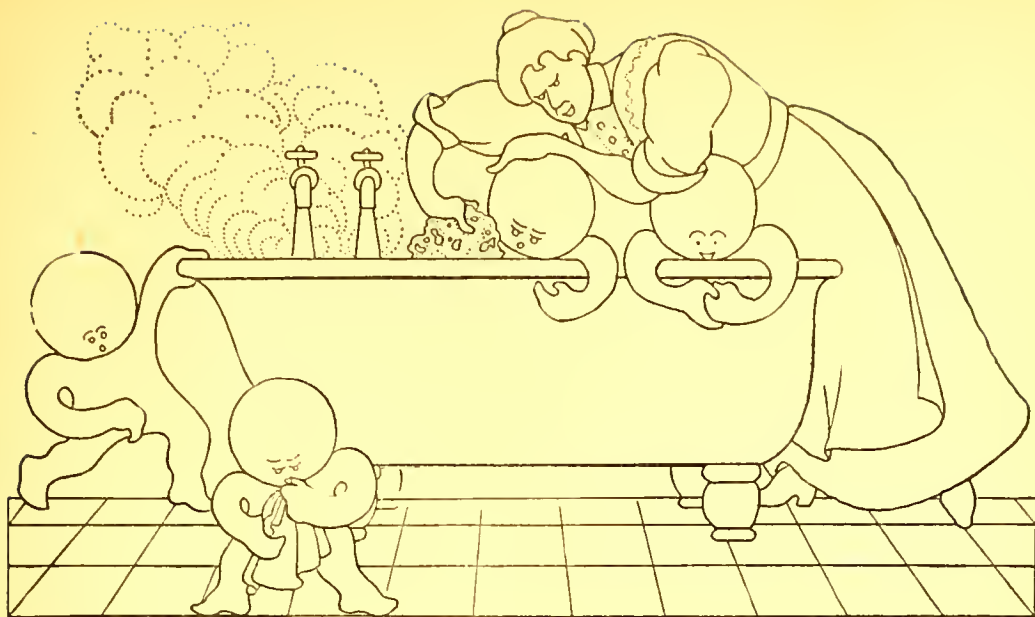


## *TABLE MANNERS.—II.*

THE Goops are gluttonous and rude,  
They gug and gumble with their food;  
They throw their crumbs upon the floor,  
And at dessert they tease for more;  
They will not eat their soup and bread  
But like to gobble sweets, instead,  
And this is why I oft decline,  
When I am asked to stay and dine!



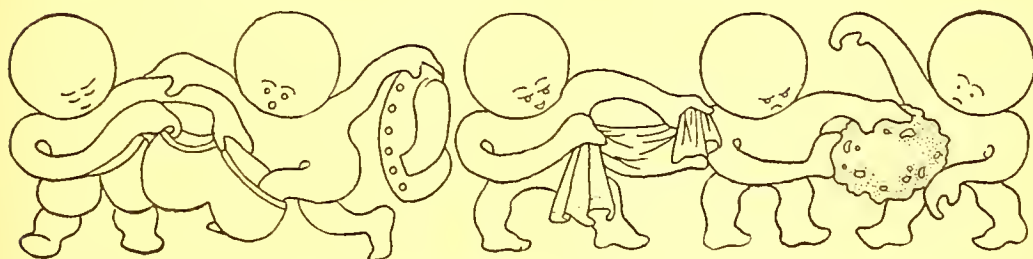


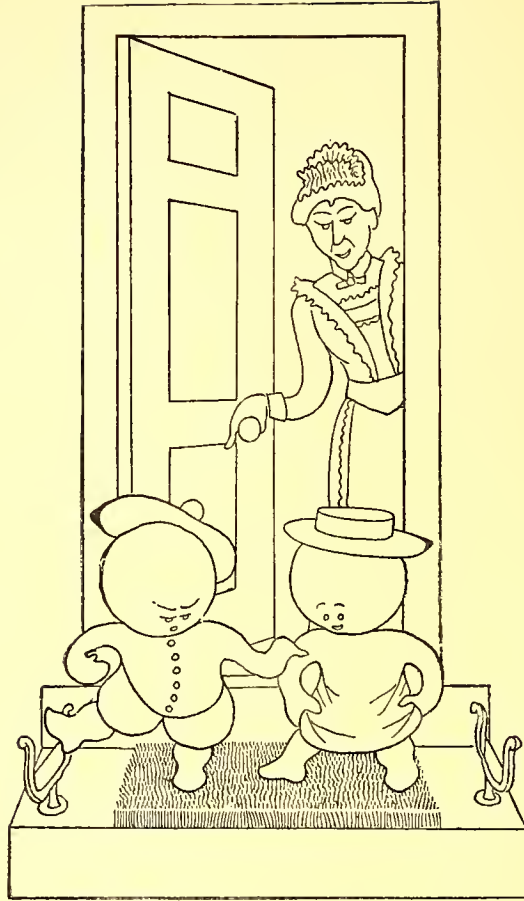


## *CLEANLINESS*

THE Goops they are spotted on chin and on cheek,  
You could dig the dirt off with a trowel!  
But *you* wash your face twenty times every week,  
And you don't do it *all* with the towel!

The Goops are all dirty, and what do they do?  
They like to be dirty, and stay so.  
But if *you* were dirty, you'd wash, would n't you?  
If you needed a bath, you would say so!





# NEATNESS

Goops leave traces every-  
where —

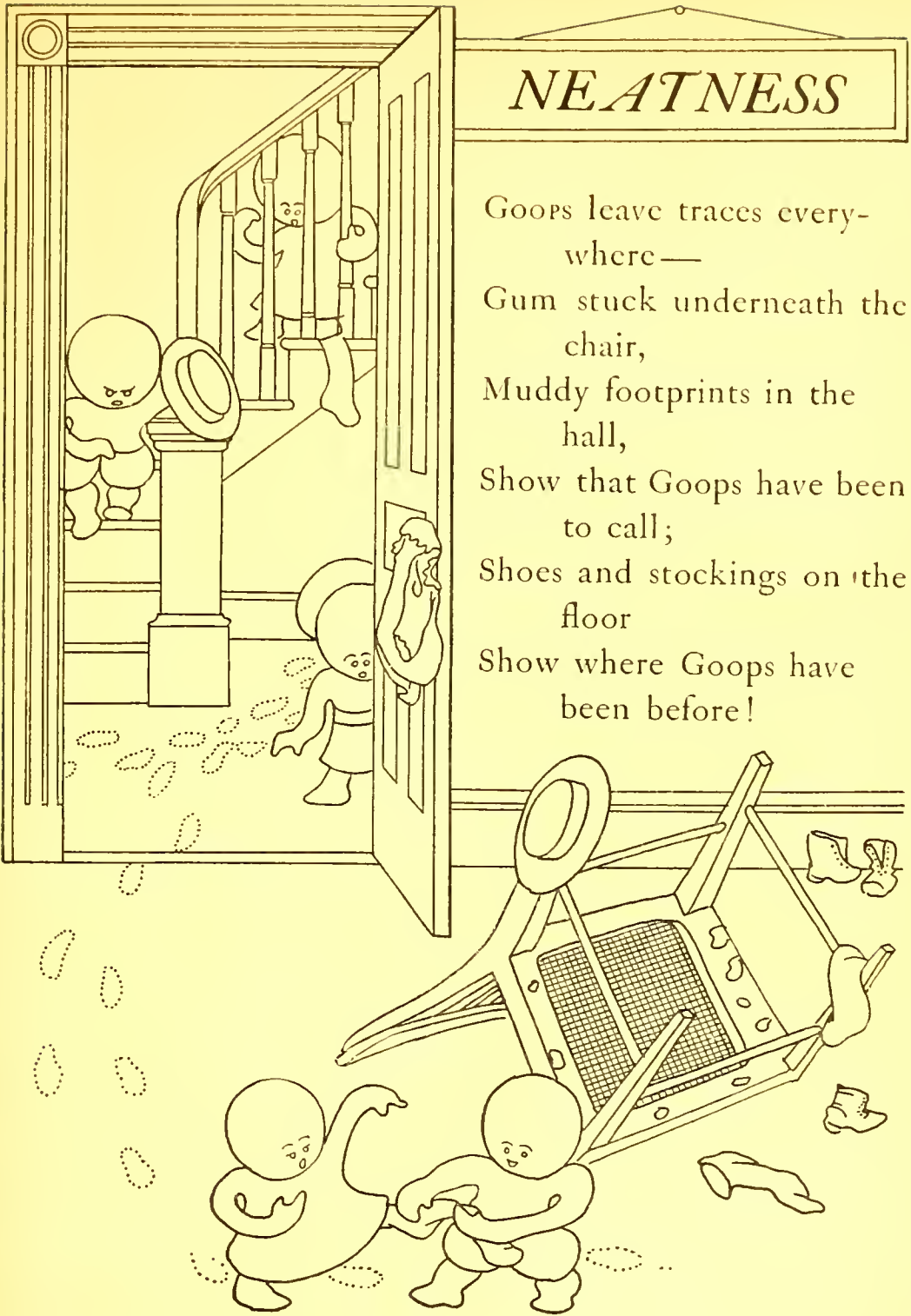
Gum stuck underneath the  
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Muddy footprints in the  
hall,

Show that Goops have been  
to call;

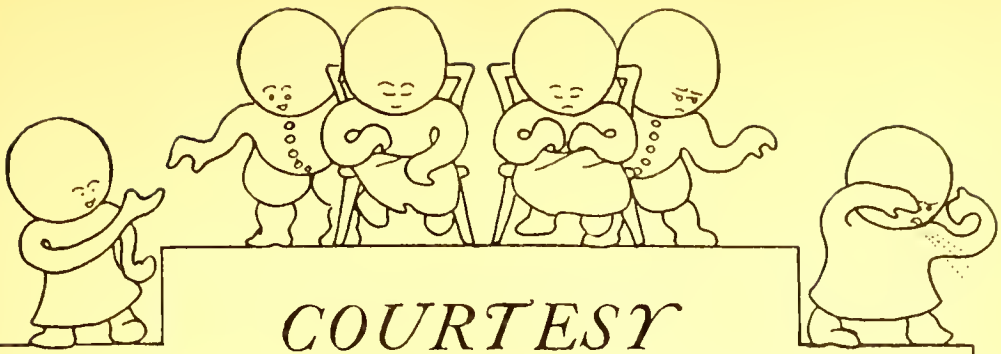
Shoes and stockings on the  
floor

Show where Goops have  
been before!

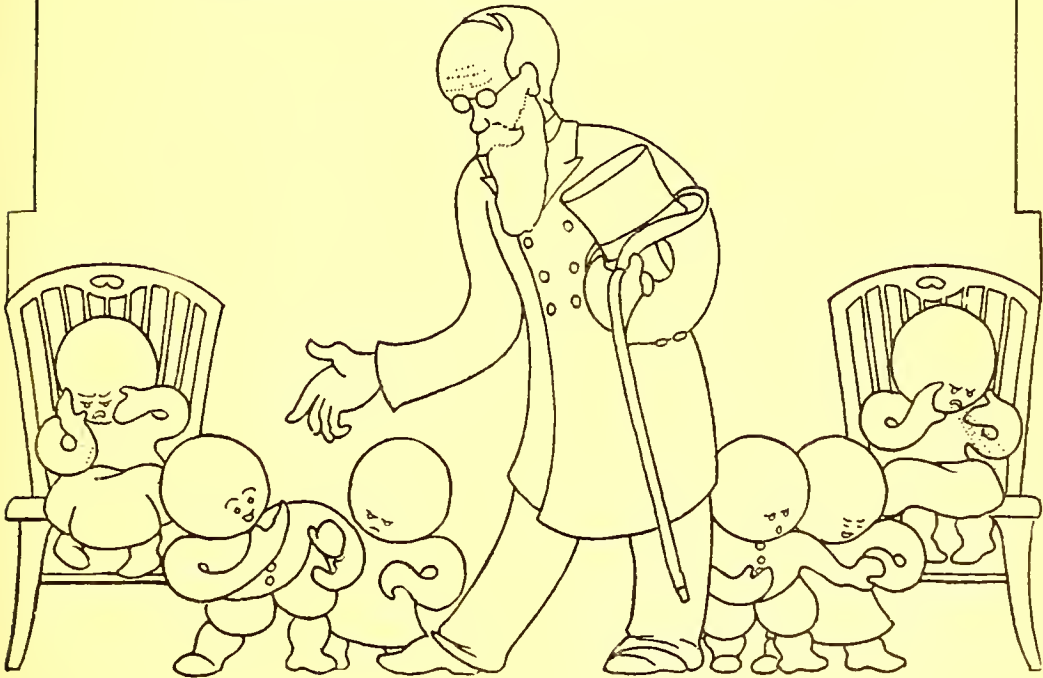


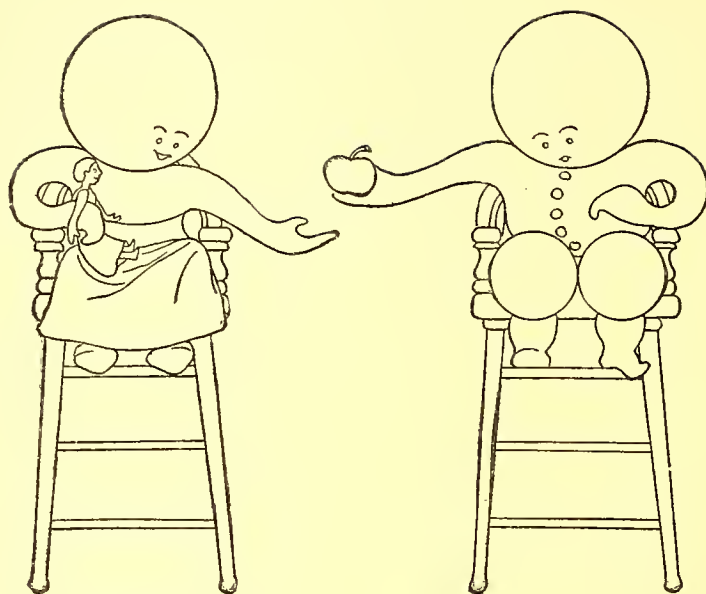






I WONDER why it is polite  
In shaking hands, to give your *right*.  
I wonder why it is refined  
In passing one, to go *behind*.  
I wonder why it is well-bred,  
If you must sneeze, to turn your head.  
Perhaps the reason is because  
The Goops, they never have such laws!



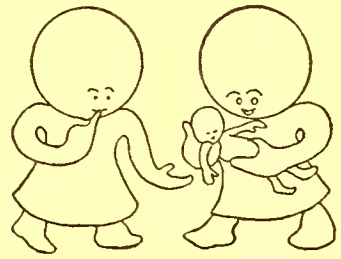
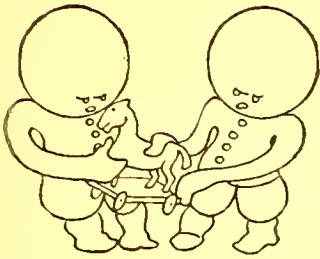
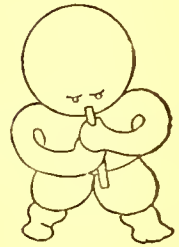




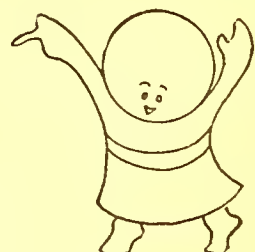
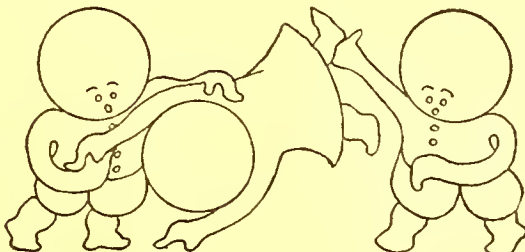
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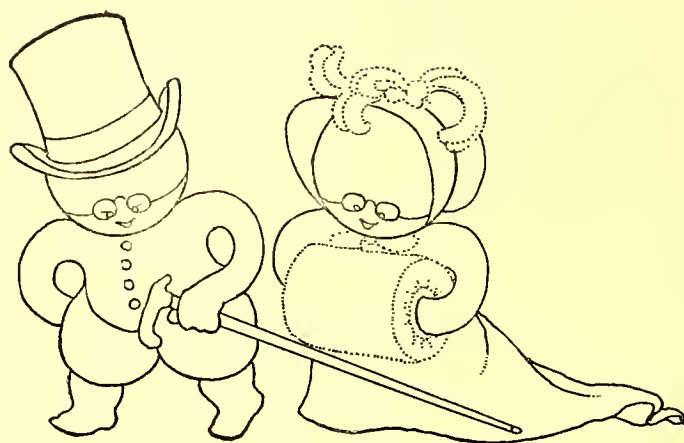


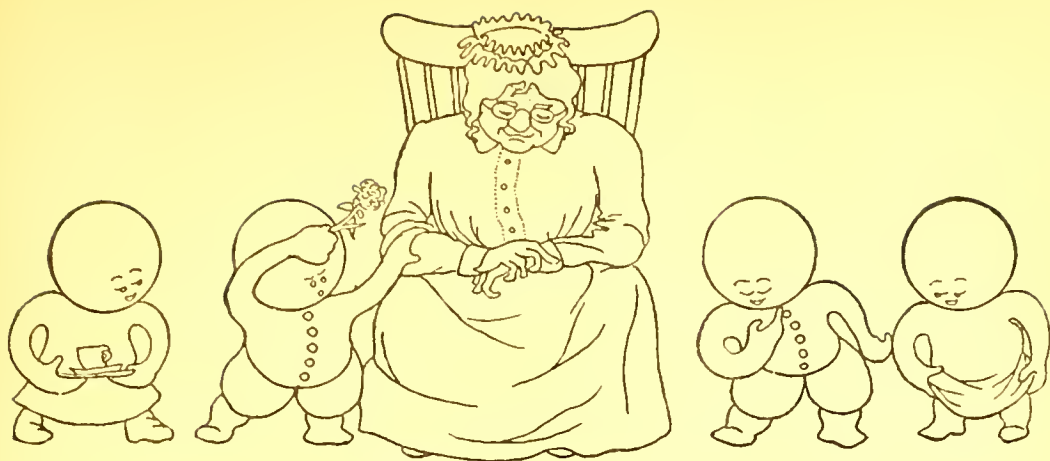
WHEN you have candy, do you go  
And give your sister half?  
When little brother stubs his toe,  
Do you look on and laugh?



The greediest Goop would give away  
The things he didn't need —  
To share the toys with which you play,  
That's generous, indeed!



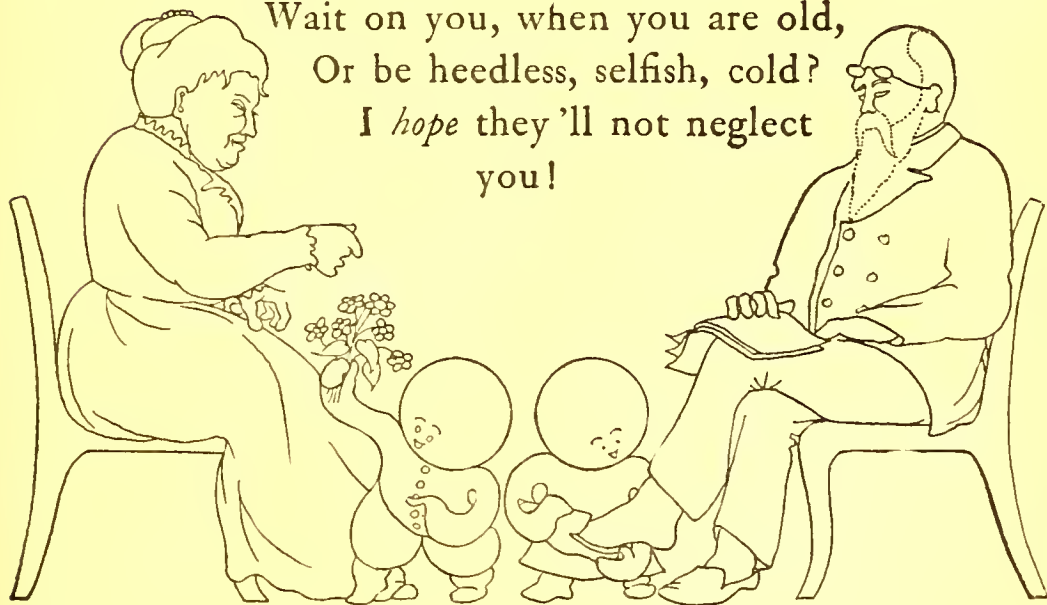


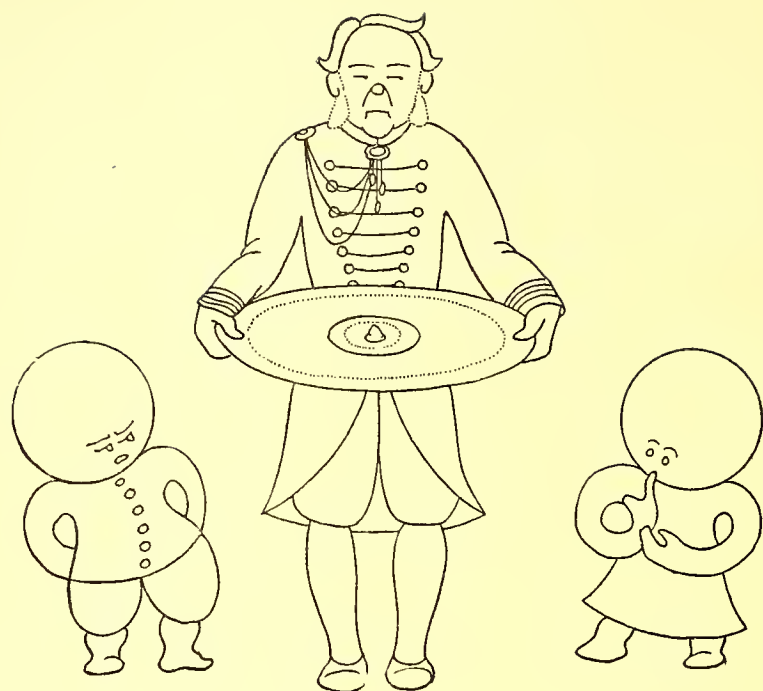


## CONSIDERATION

WHEN you 're old, and get to be  
Thirty-four or forty-three,  
Don't you hope that you will see  
Children all respect you?

Will they, without being told,  
Wait on you, when you are old,  
Or be heedless, selfish, cold?  
*I hope they'll not neglect  
you!*

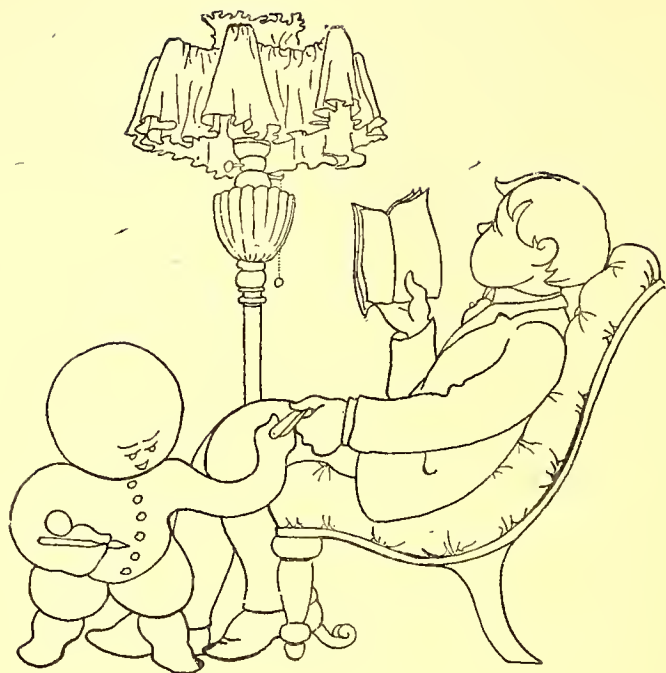




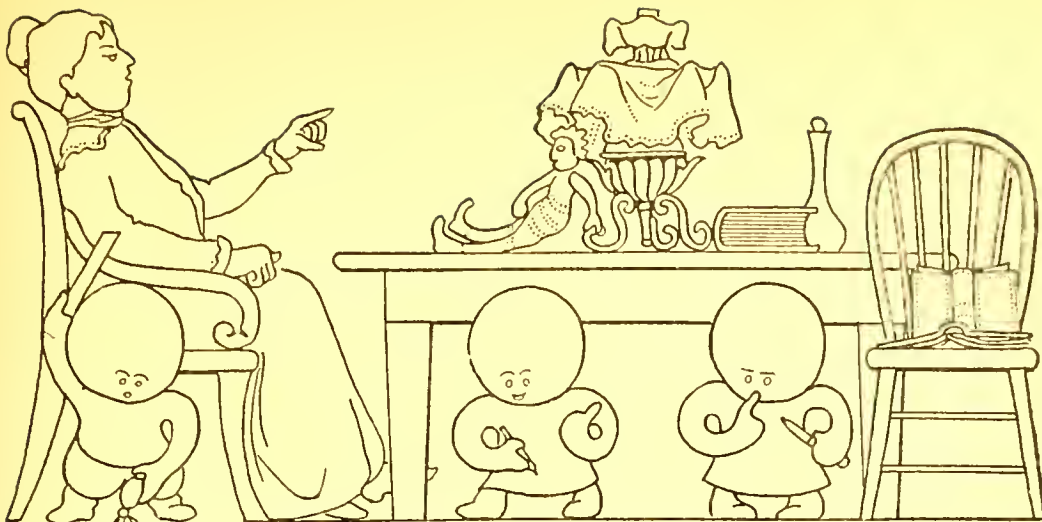


# MISS MANNERS

No matter how you  
wish  
For the last one on the  
dish,  
Miss Manners has a right  
to it, not you;  
And the largest one of all,  
Or the nicest, big or small —  
Well, I think you'd better  
leave her *that* one too!







## BORROWING

WHOSE doll is that on the table?

Whose book is that on the chair?

The knife and the pencils and other  
utensils,

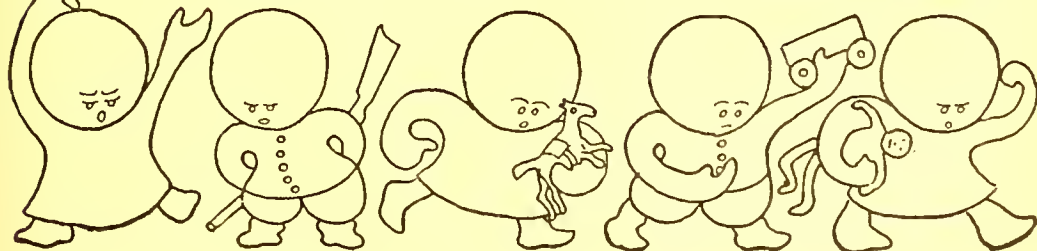
Now how do they come to be there?

Did n't you say they were borrowed?

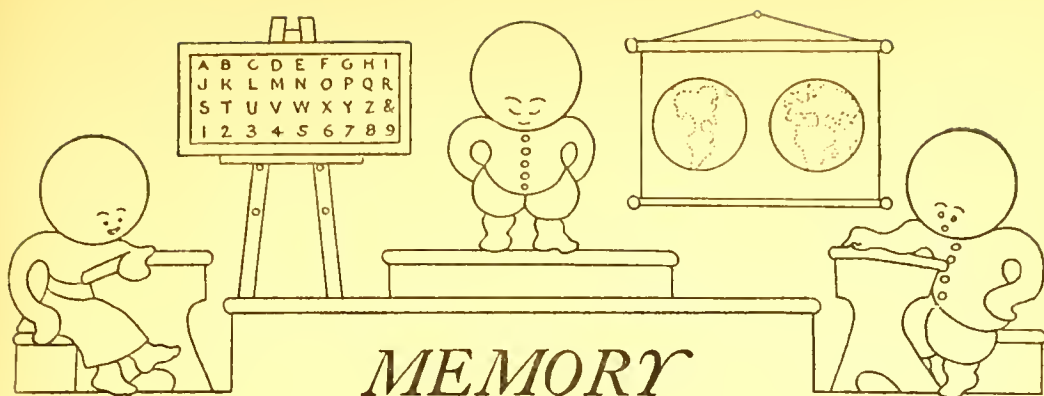
You'd better take back just a few!

If *you* lent your playthings, I think  
you would say things

If no one returned them to you!







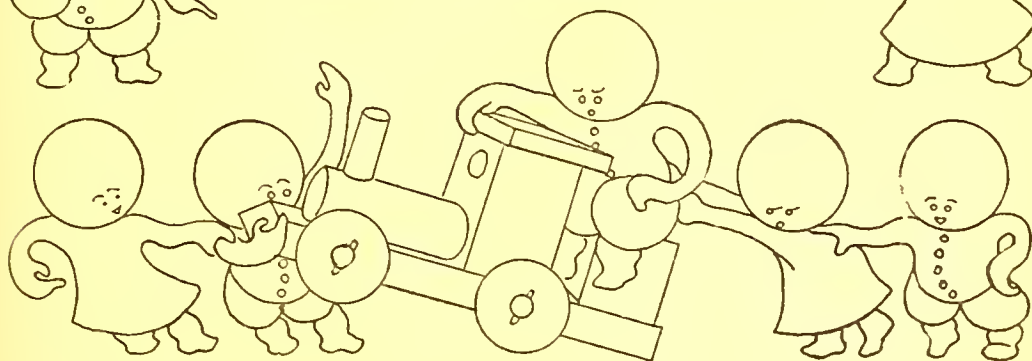
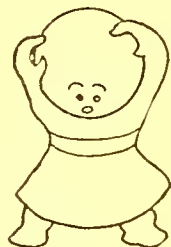
My teacher taught me, yesterday,  
A very pretty piece to say;  
But when I try to think of it,  
I can't remember it a bit!  
My head's so full of toys and such,  
I can't remember very much!

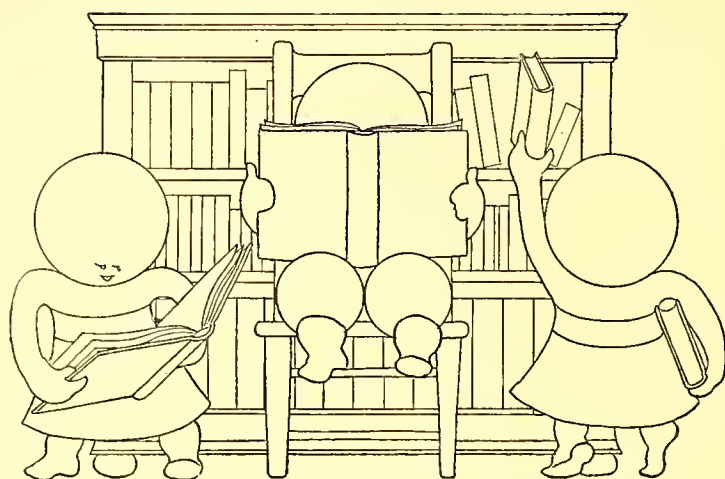


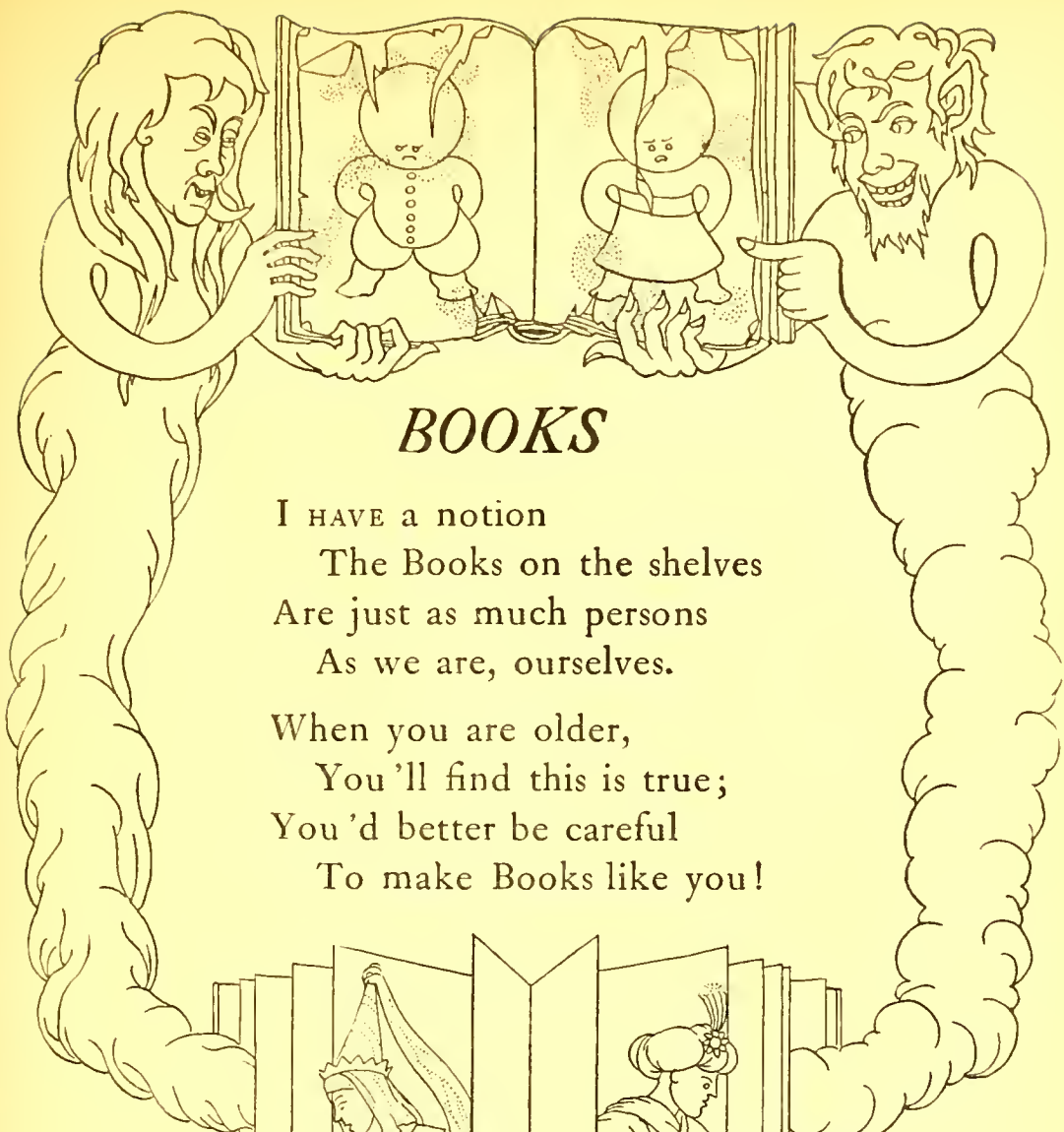
My teacher told me yesterday  
“*Work when you work;*  
*Play when you play!*”



When I am playing with my toys  
I am the busiest of boys;  
But when I study or I work  
I'm 'fraid I *am* inclined to shirk!







## *BOOKS*

I HAVE a notion  
The Books on the shelves  
Are just as much persons  
As we are, ourselves.

When you are older,  
You'll find this is true;  
You'd better be careful  
To make Books like you!





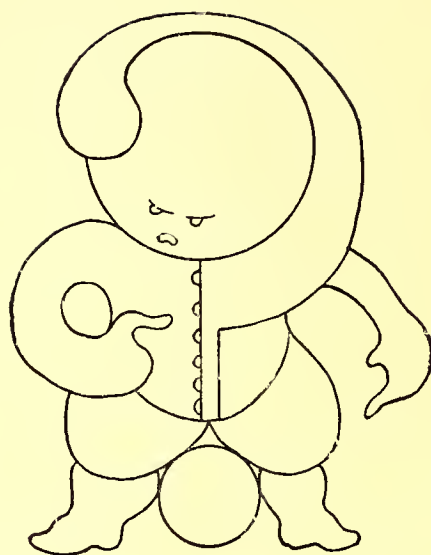


## *HONESTY*

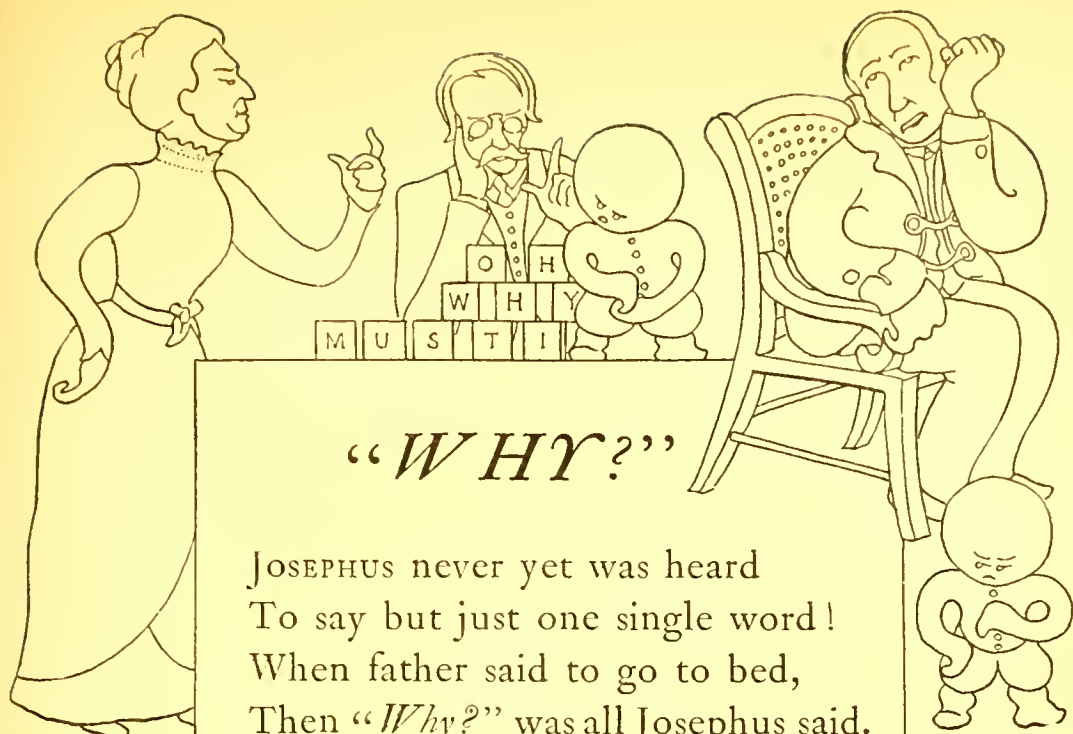
THE boy who plays at marbles and does n't try to cheat,  
Who always keeps his temper, no matter if he's beat,  
Is sure to be a favorite with all upon the street.

The girl who counts her hundreds very fairly, when she's "it"  
Who does n't peep or listen, nor turn around a bit,  
I'm sure she's not a Goop, in fact, she's quite the opposite!





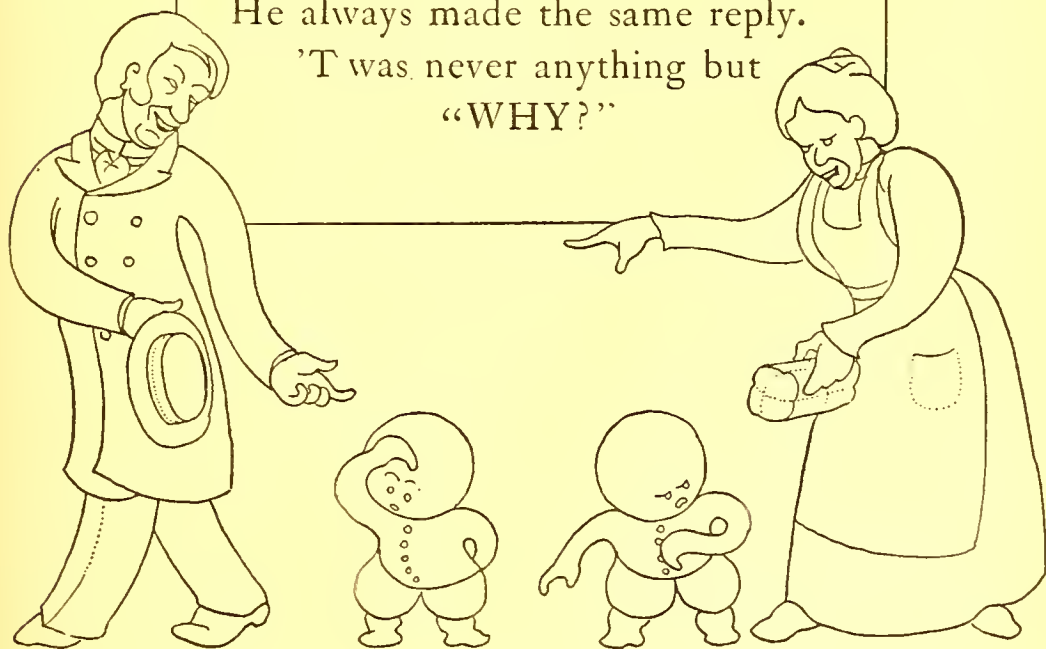


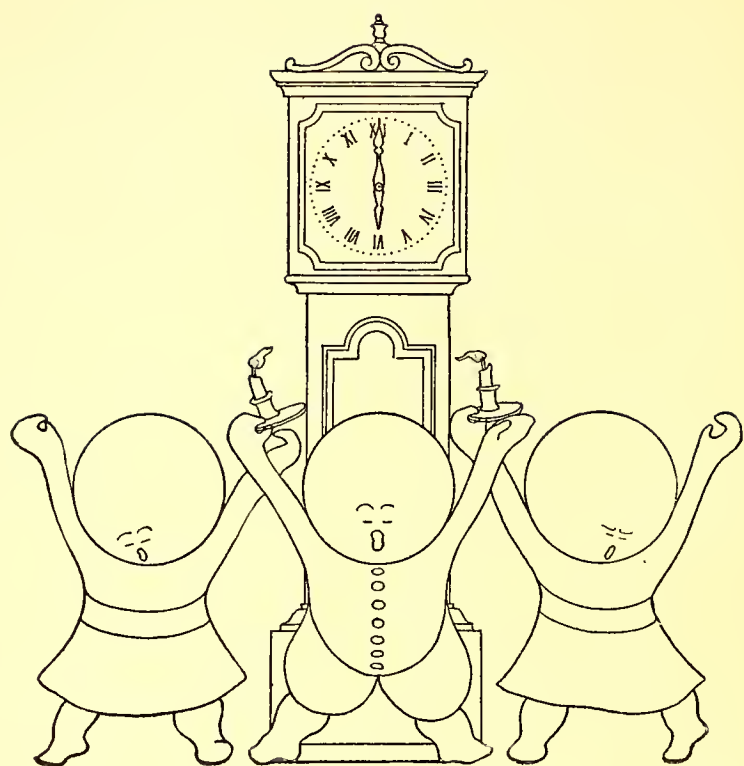


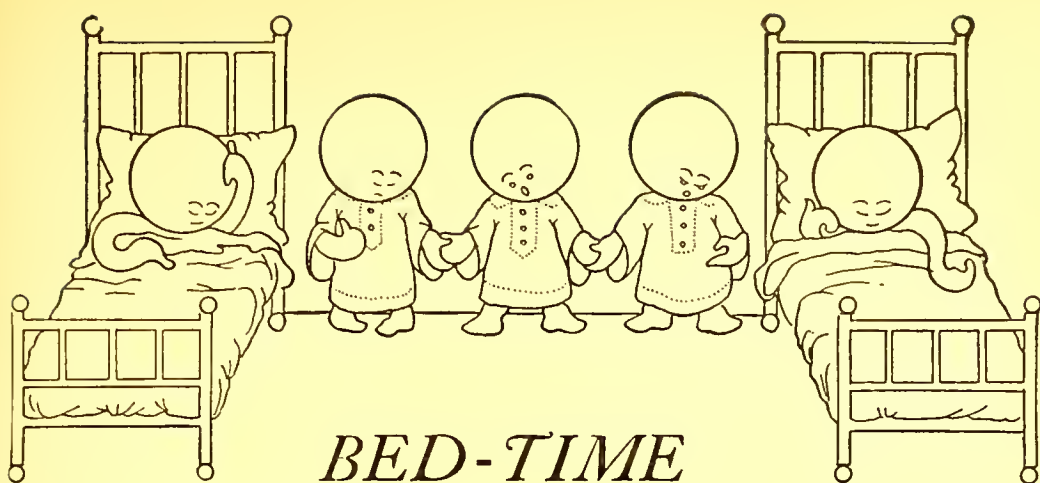
## “WHY?”

JOSEPHUS never yet was heard  
To say but just one single word!  
When father said to go to bed,  
Then “*Why?*” was all Josephus said.  
When mother bade him stop his play,  
Then “*Why?*” Josephus used to say.  
He always made the same reply.

’T was never anything but  
“WHY?”

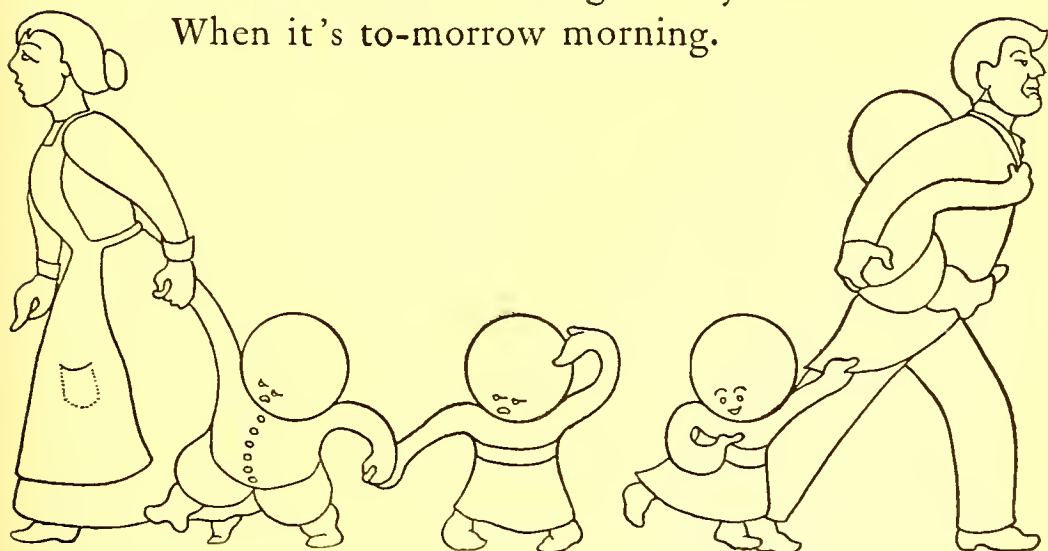


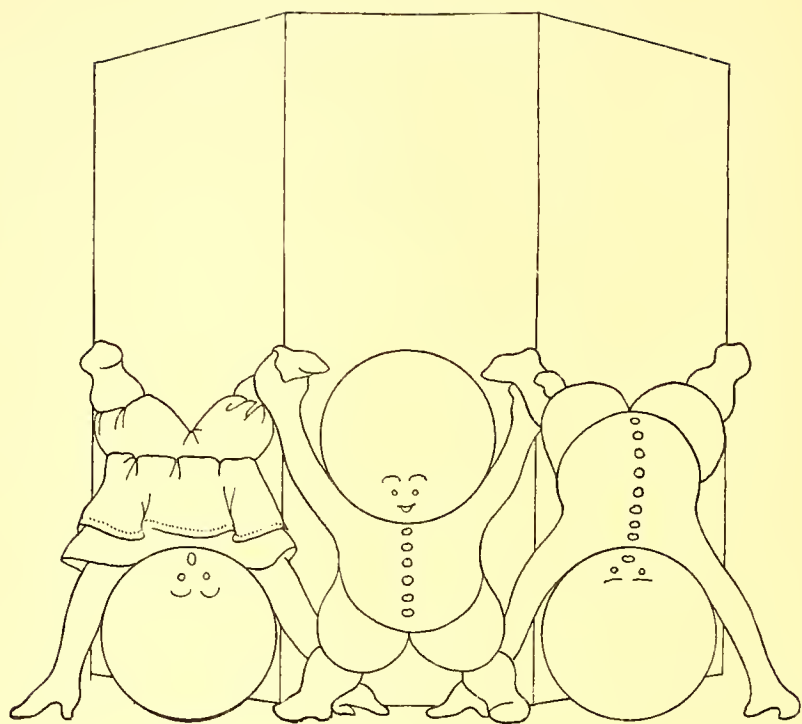


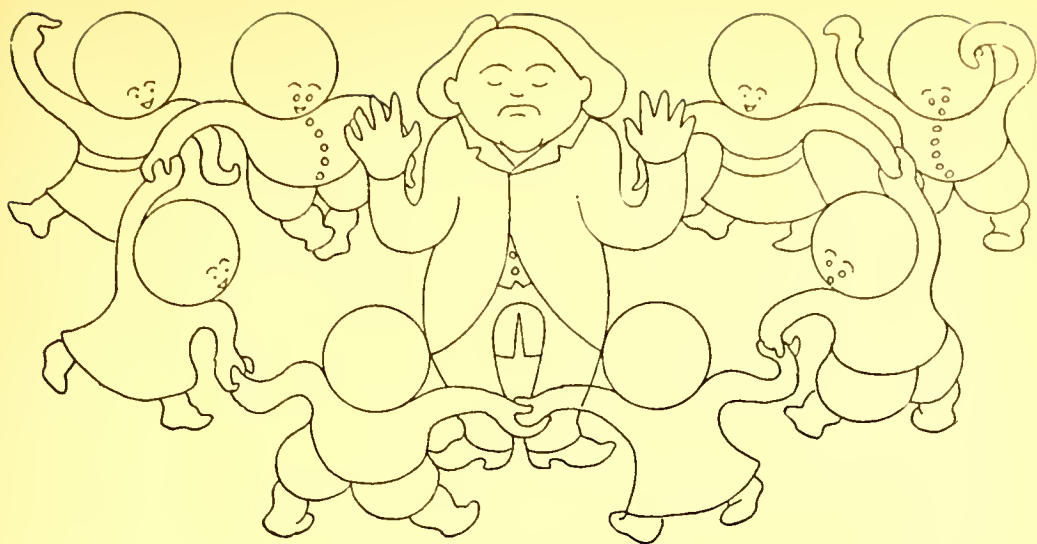


THE night is different from the day —  
It's darker in the night;  
How can you ever hope to play  
When it's no longer light?

When bed-time comes, it's time for you  
To stop, for when you're yawning,  
You should be dreaming what you'll do  
When it's to-morrow morning.





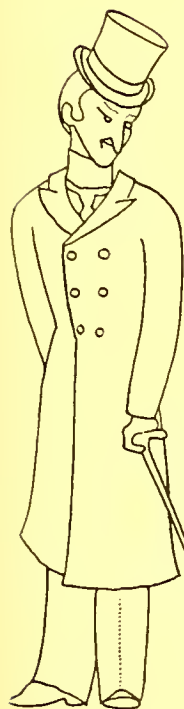


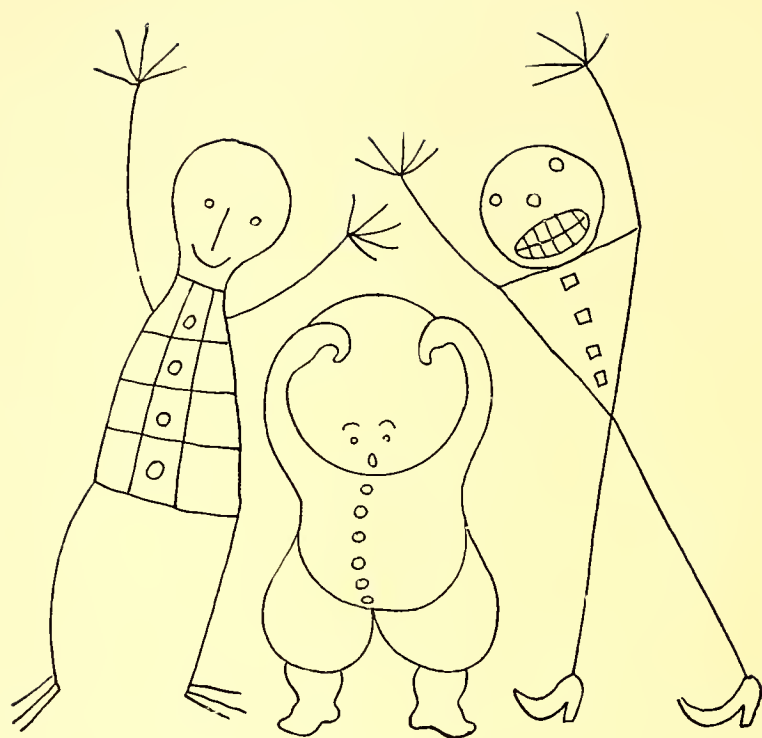
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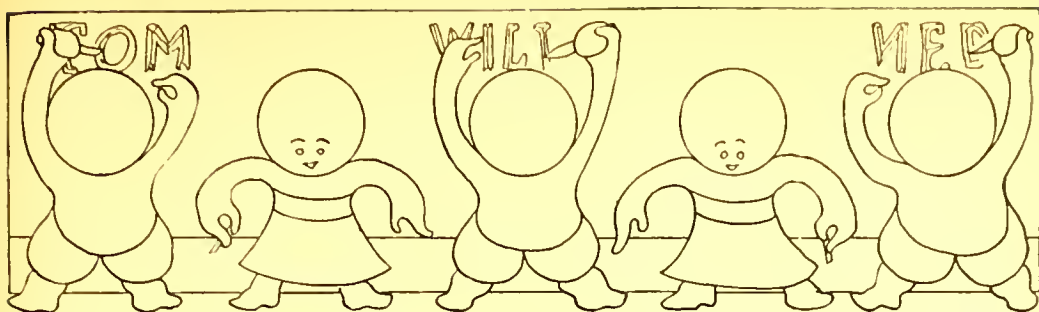
THE proper time for you to show  
Whatever little tricks you know  
Is when grown people ask you to;  
*Then* you may show what you  
can do!

But sometimes mother's head  
will ache

With all the jolly noise you make,  
And sometimes other people, too,  
Can't spend the time to play  
with you!



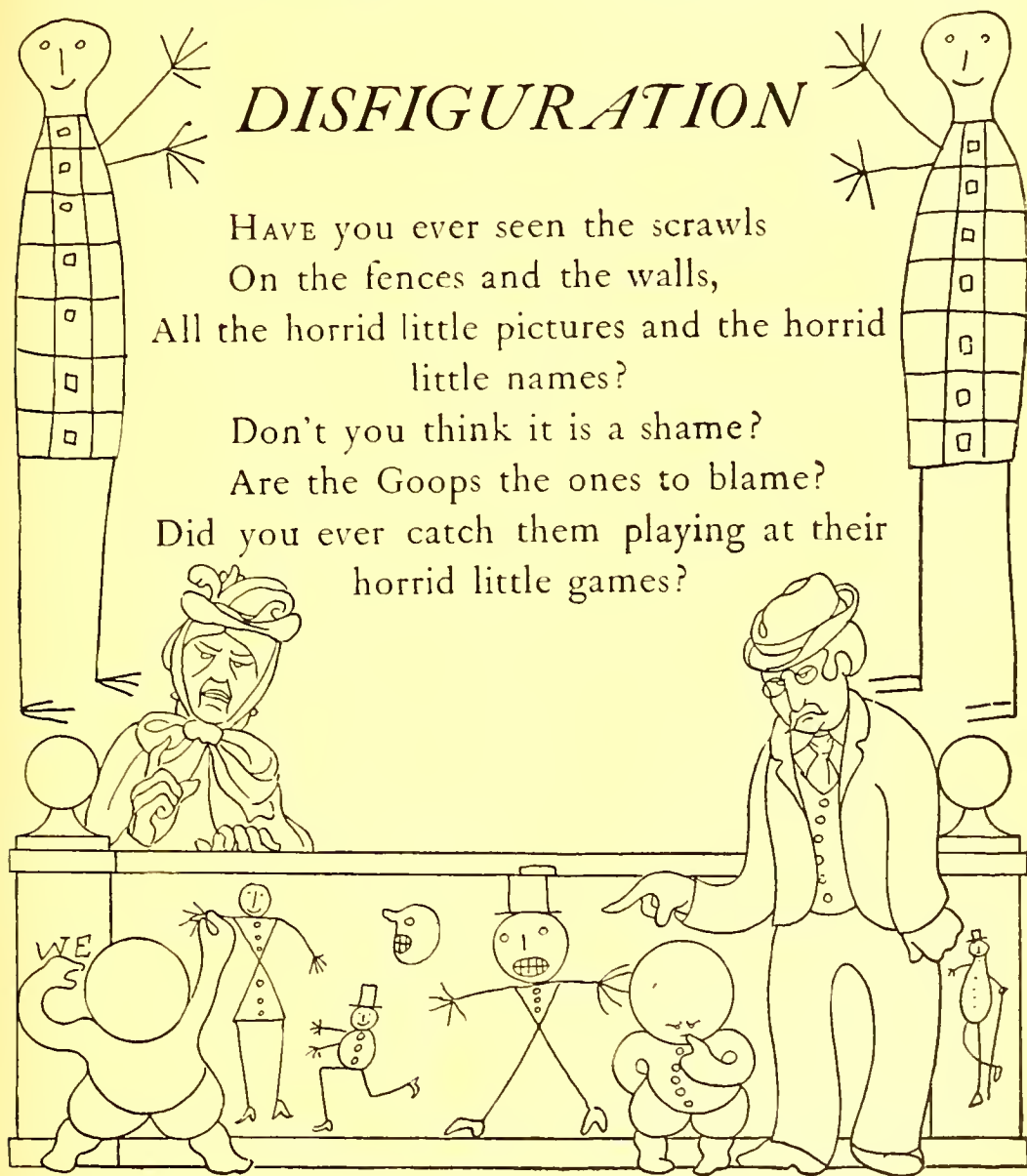




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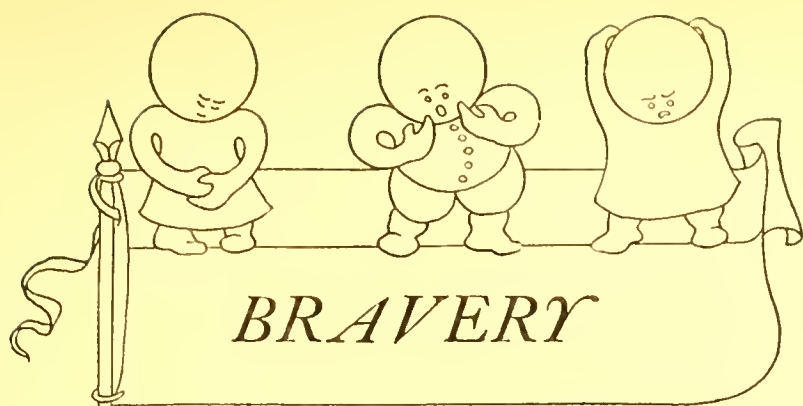
HAVE you ever seen the scrawls  
On the fences and the walls,  
All the horrid little pictures and the horrid  
little names?

Don't you think it is a shame?  
Are the Goops the ones to blame?  
Did you ever catch them playing at their  
horrid little games?

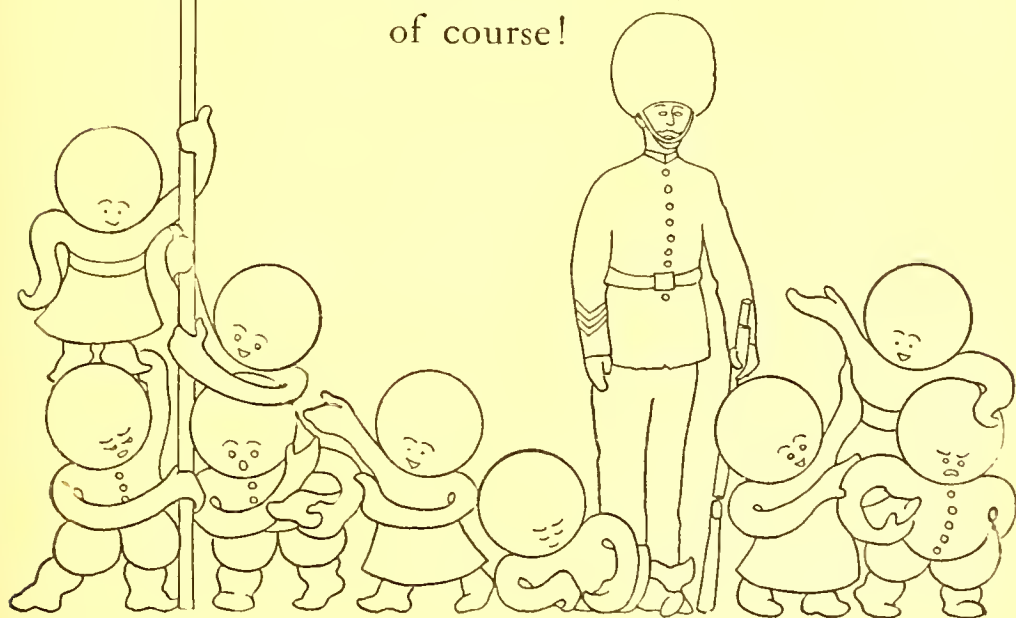
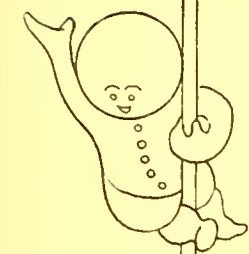


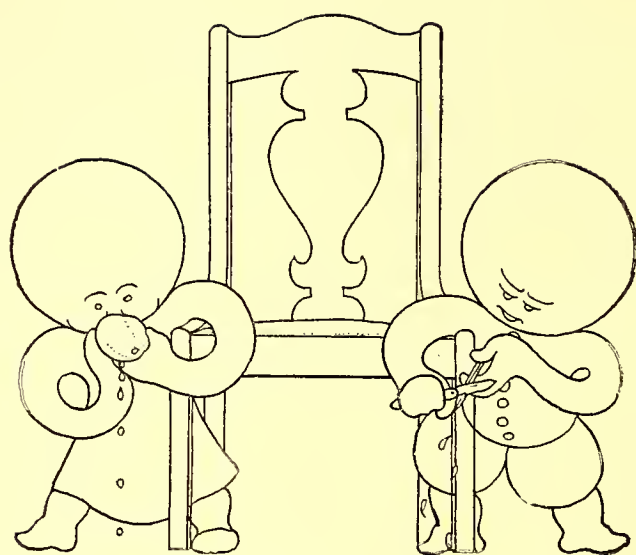






It's terrible brave  
To try to save  
A girl on a runaway horse;  
You could do that, of course!  
But think of trying  
To keep from crying,  
When you're hungry and tired  
and cross—  
You couldn't do *that*,  
of course!

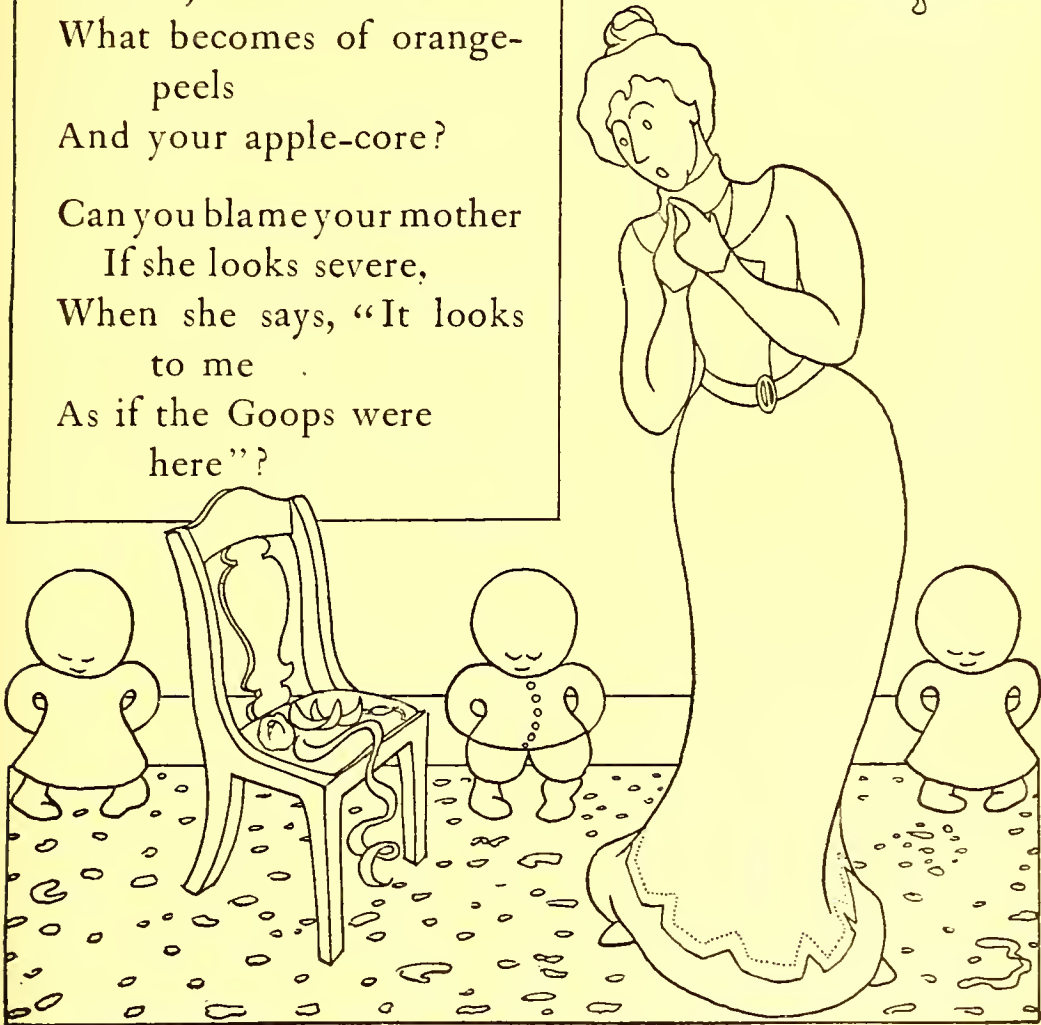
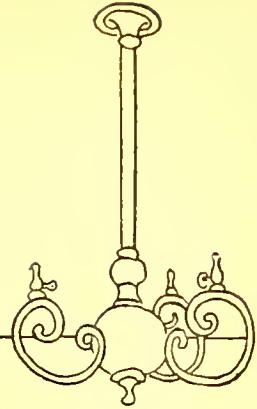


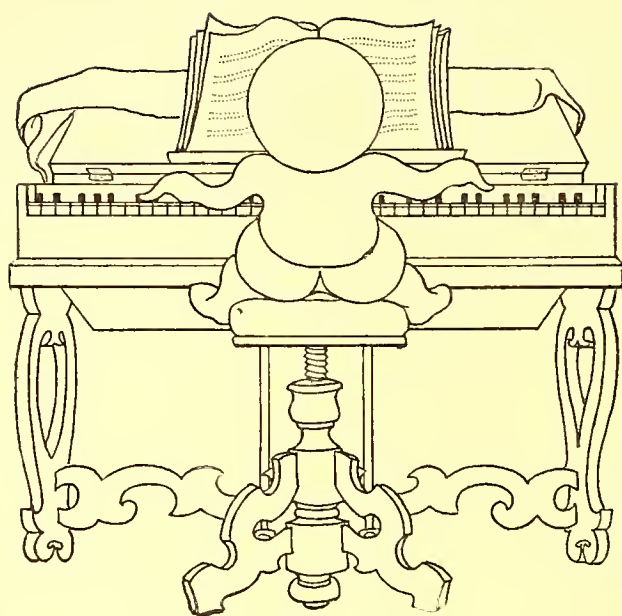


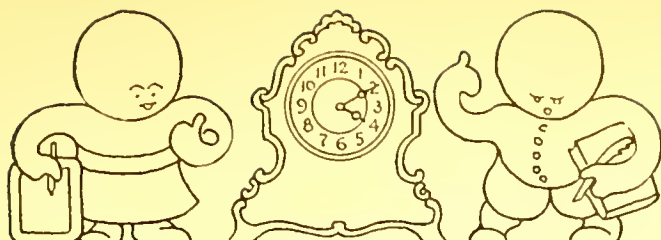
# *TIDINESS*

LITTLE scraps of paper,  
Little crumbs of food,  
Make a room untidy,  
Everywhere they're  
strewn.

Do you sharpen pencils,  
Ever, on the floor?  
What becomes of orange-  
peels  
And your apple-core?  
Can you blame your mother  
If she looks severe,  
When she says, "It looks  
to me  
As if the Goops were  
here"?

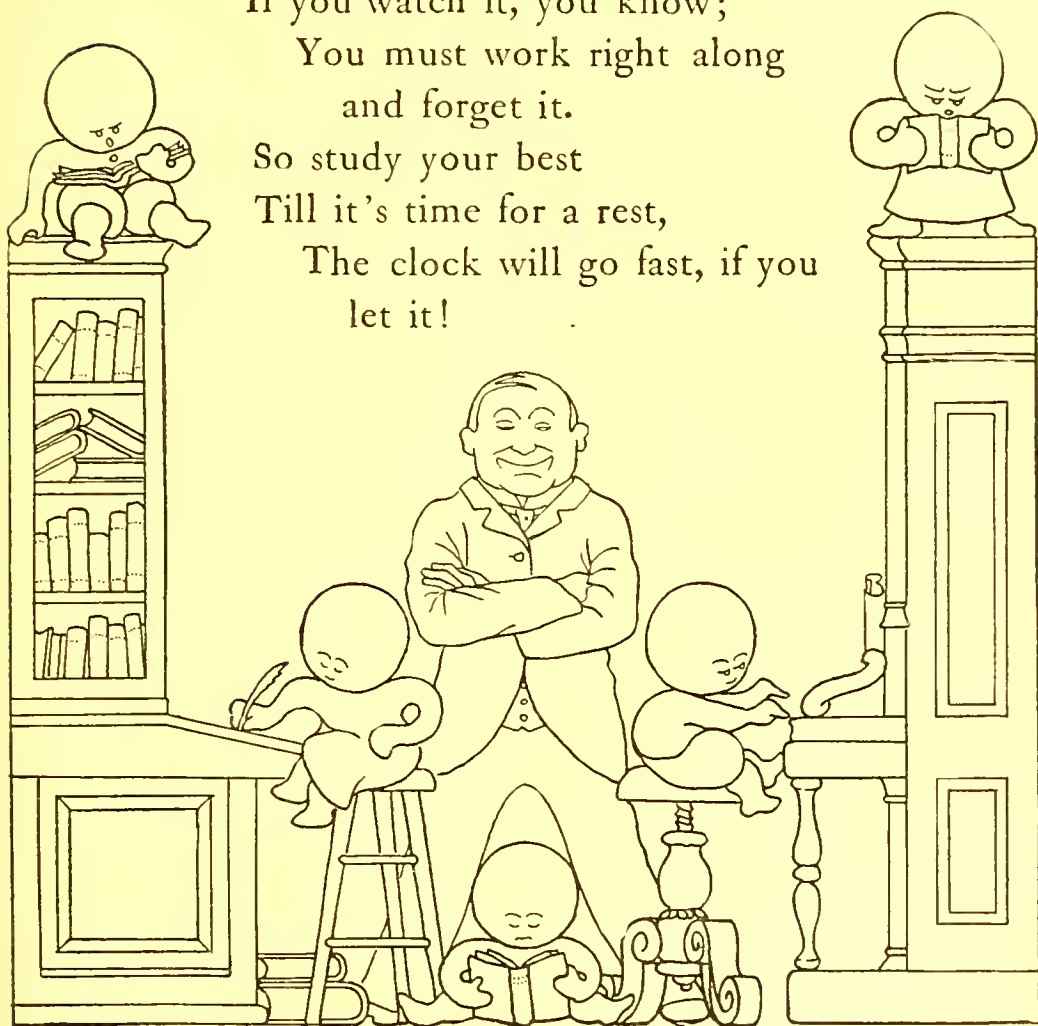


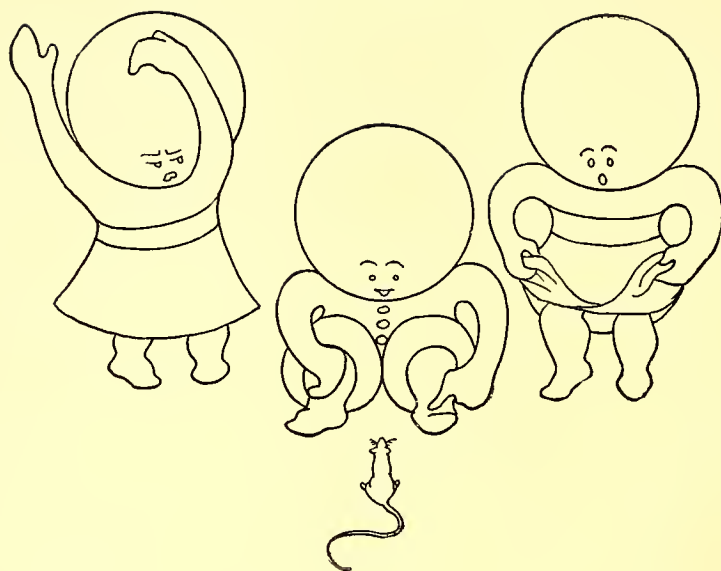




## *PATIENCE*

THE clock will go slow  
If you watch it, you know;  
You must work right along  
and forget it.  
So study your best  
Till it's time for a rest,  
The clock will go fast, if you  
let it!







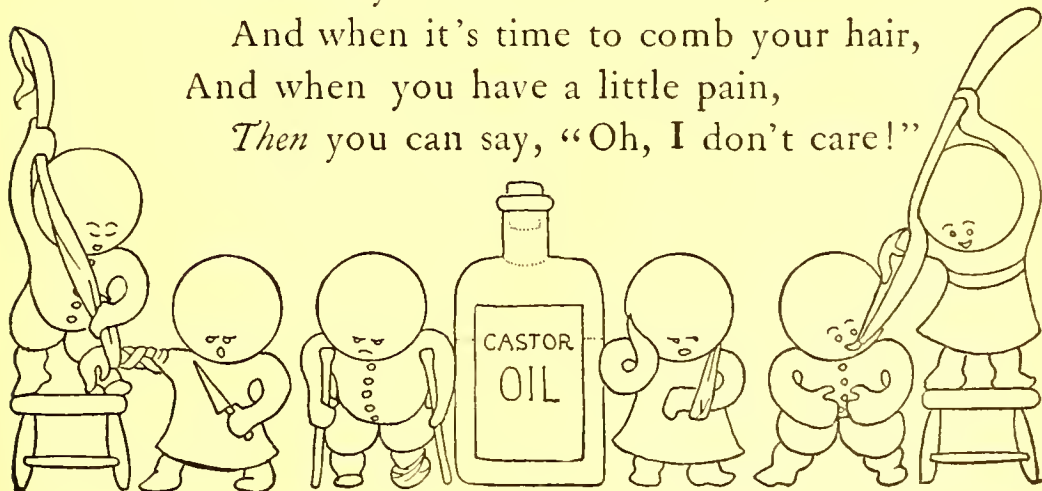
## *FORTITUDE*



WHEN you have been a naughty child,  
Or taken more than was your share,  
When you've been sulky, cross or wild,  
You must not say, "Oh, I don't  
care!"

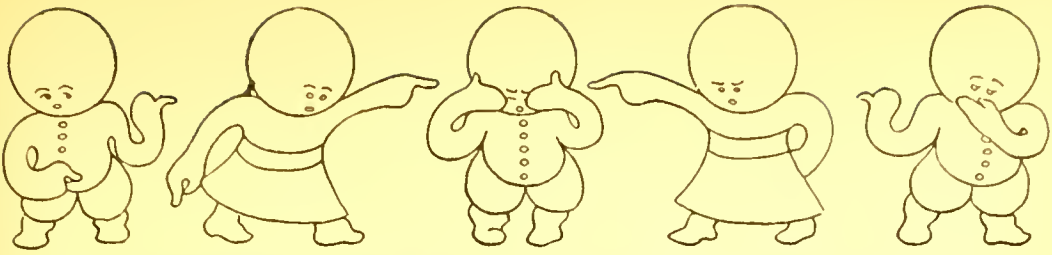


But when you hate to see it rain,  
And when it's time to comb your hair,  
And when you have a little pain,  
*Then* you can say, "Oh, I don't care!"







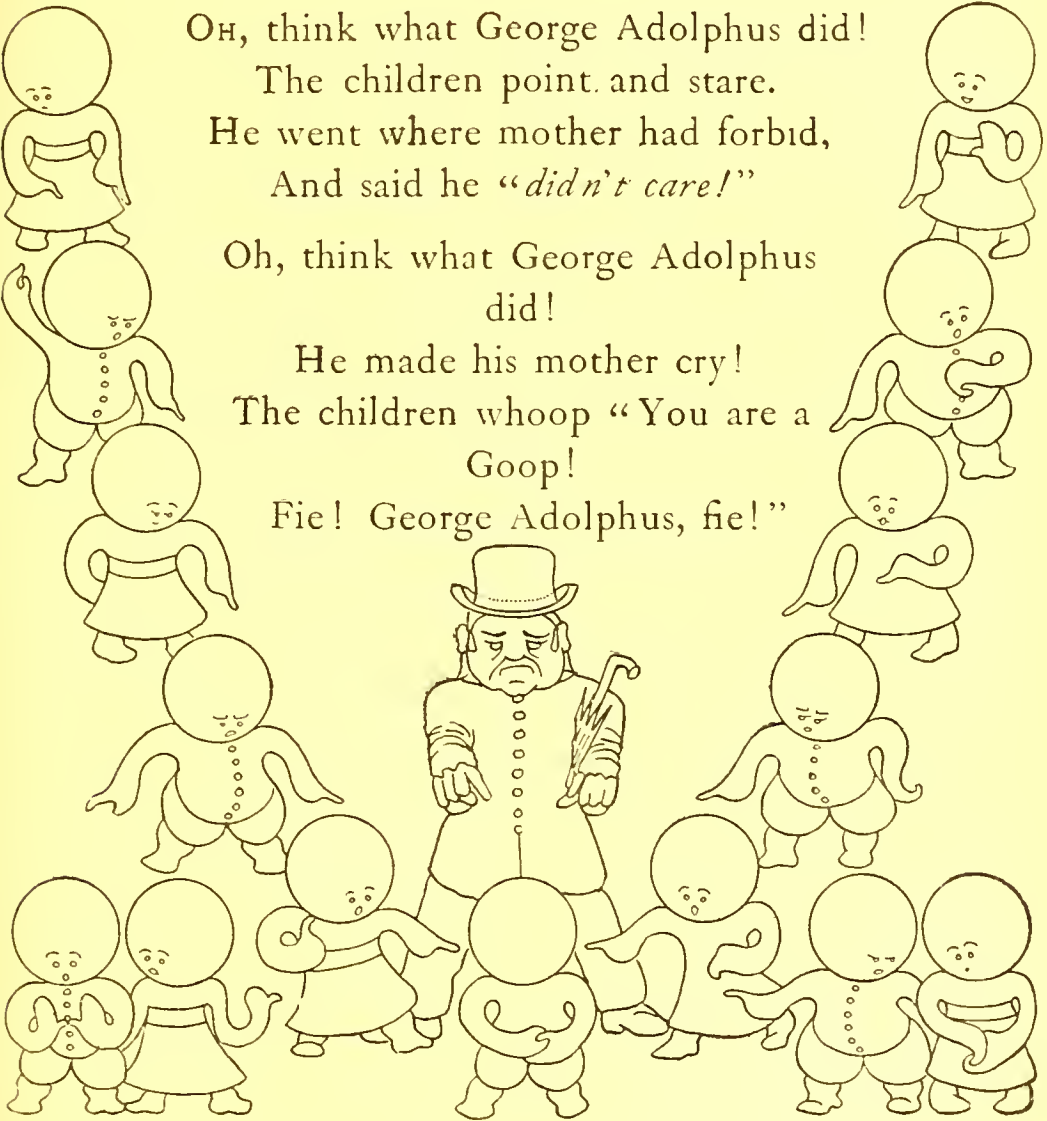


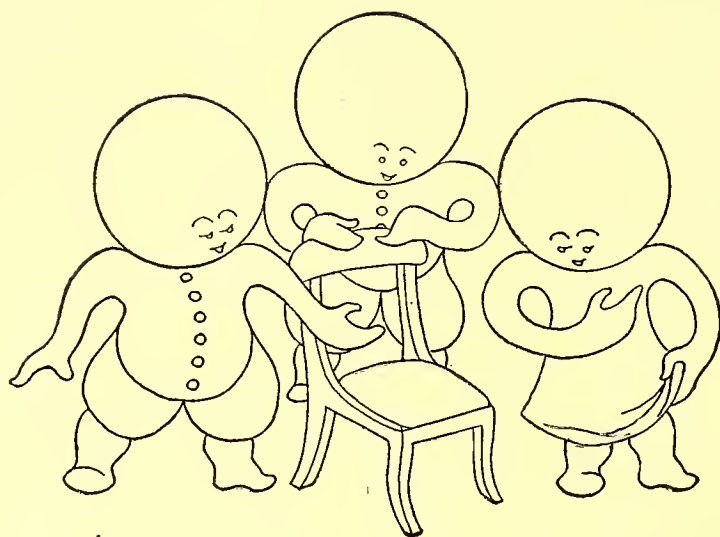
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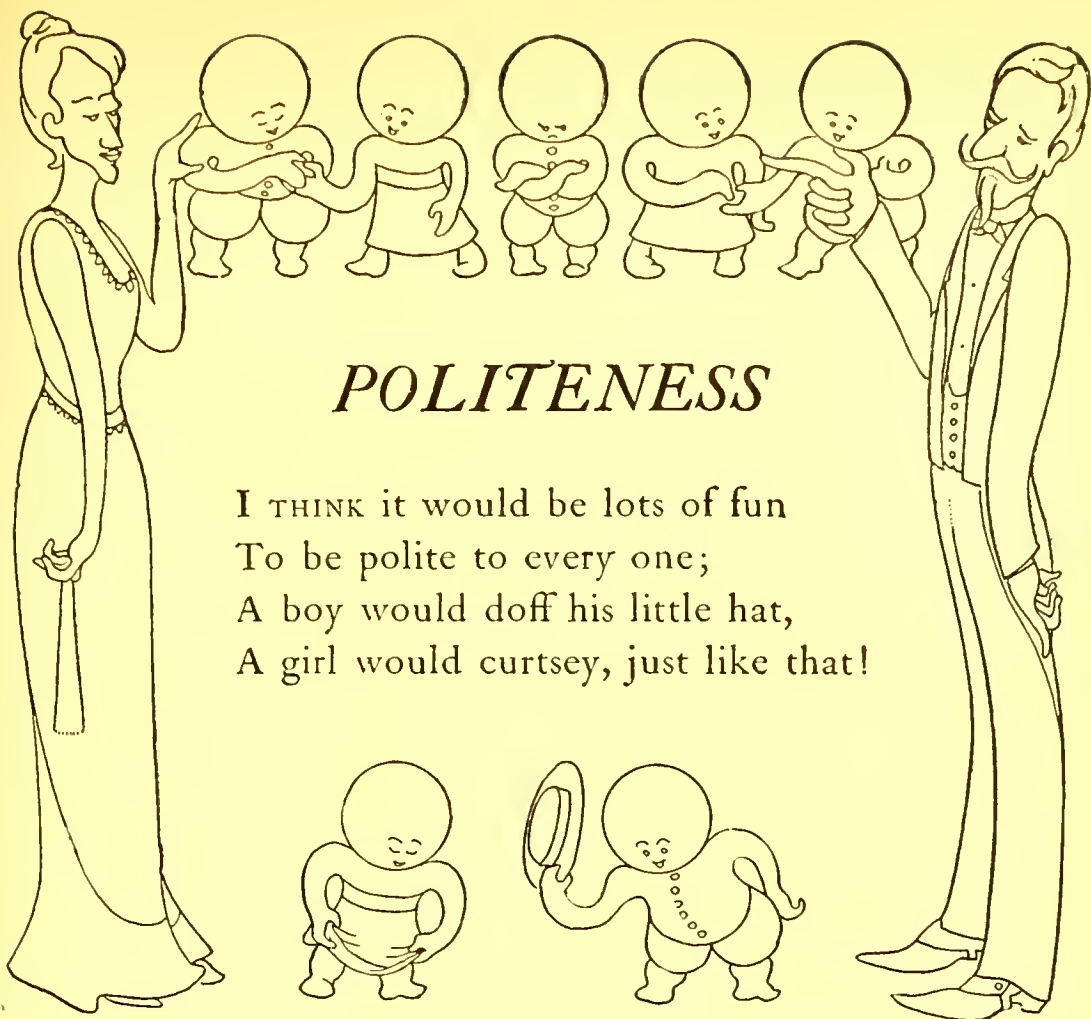
Oh, think what George Adolphus did!  
The children point and stare.  
He went where mother had forbid,  
And said he "*didn't care!*"

Oh, think what George Adolphus  
did!

He made his mother cry!  
The children whoop "You are a  
Goop!"  
Fie! George Adolphus, fie!"

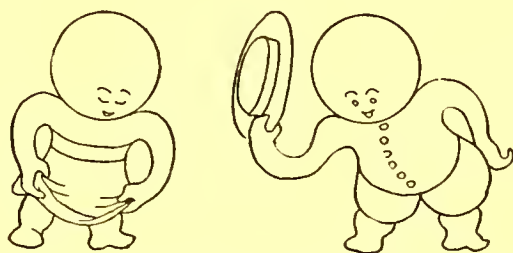






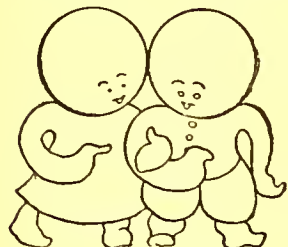
## POLITENESS

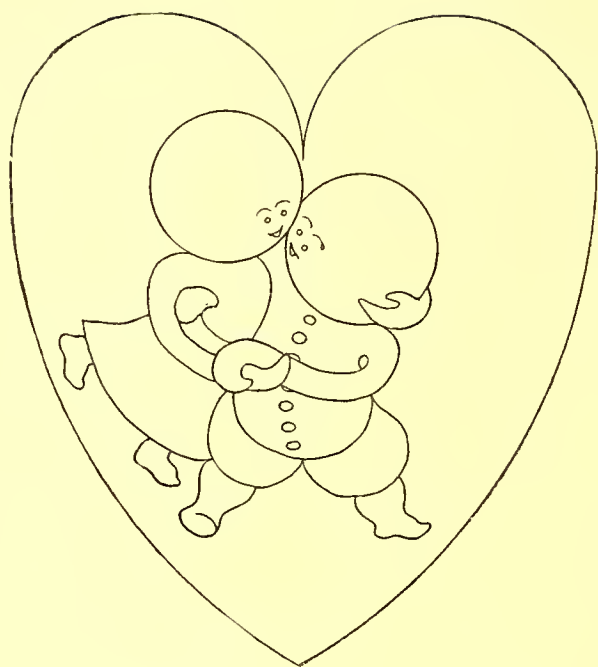
I THINK it would be lots of fun  
To be polite to every one;  
A boy would doff his little hat,  
A girl would curtsy, just like that!



And both would use such words as  
these:

*"Excuse me, Sir,"* and *"If you please;"*  
Not only just at home, you know,  
But everywhere that they should go.

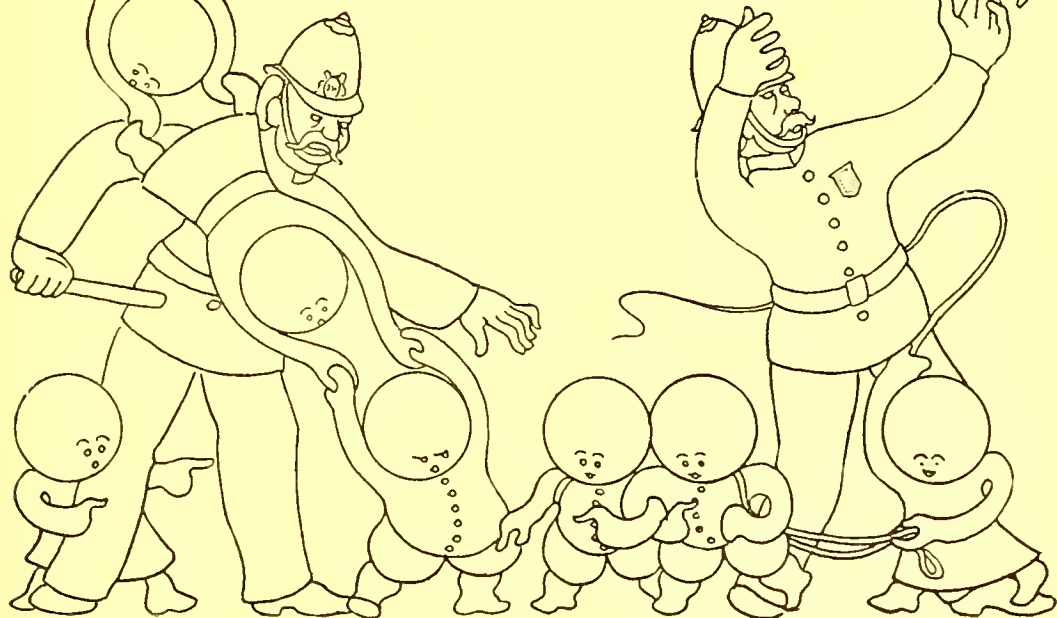


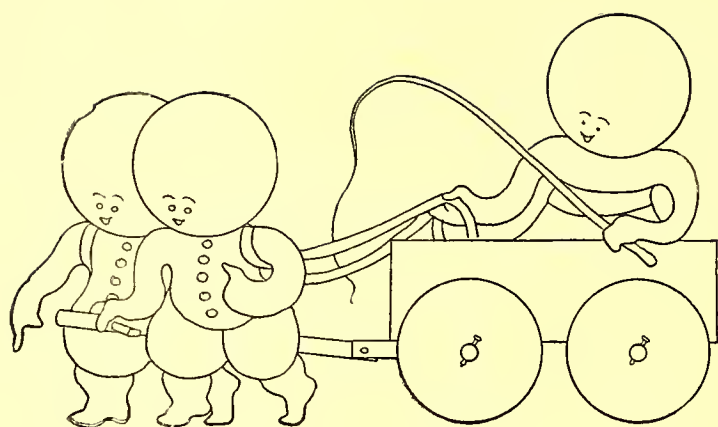


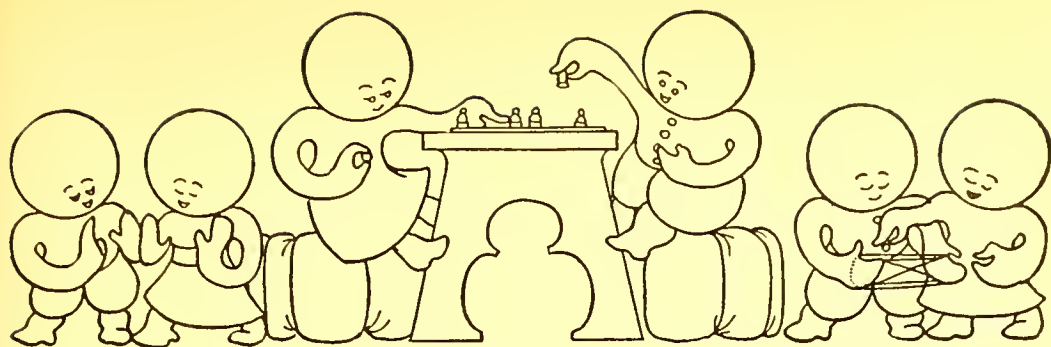


# *GENTLENESS*

WHEN you are playing with  
the girls,  
You must not pull their  
pretty curls;  
If you are gentle when  
you play,  
You will be glad of it  
some day.



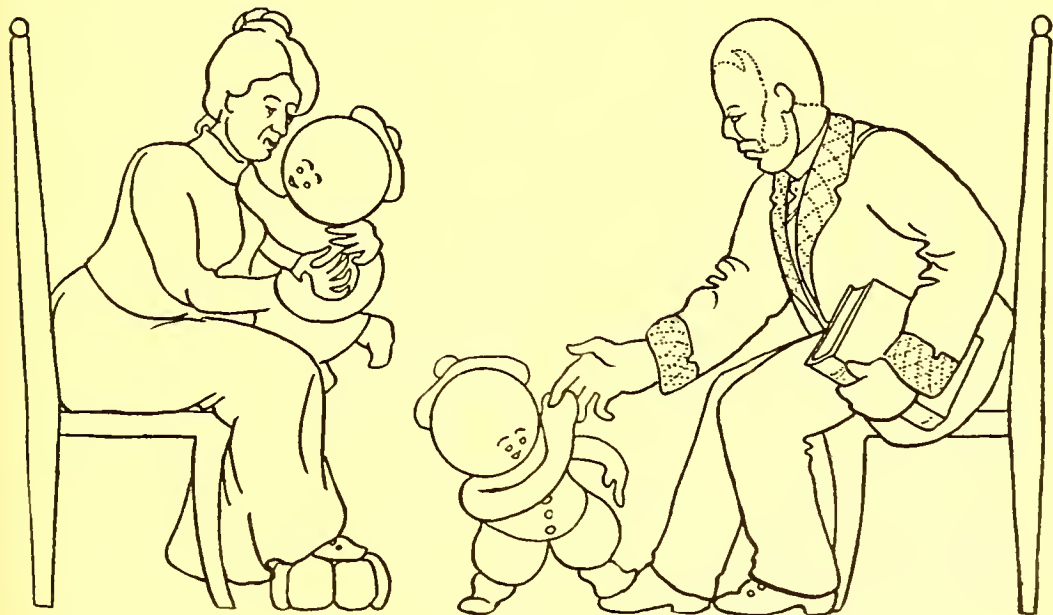


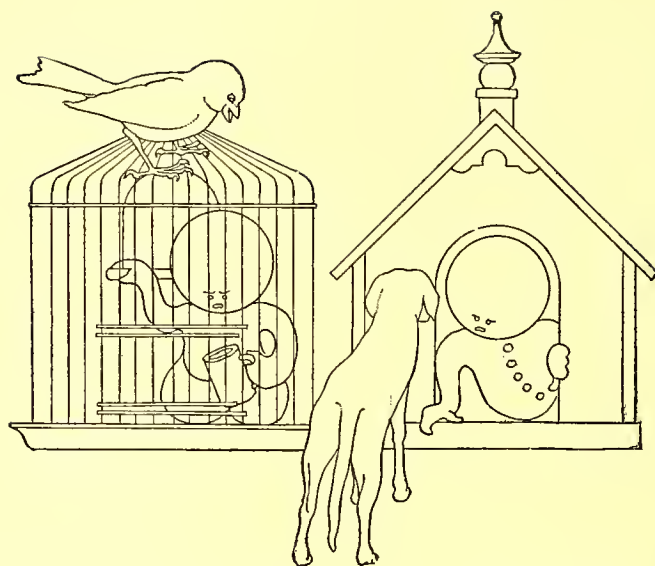


## *HOSPITALITY*

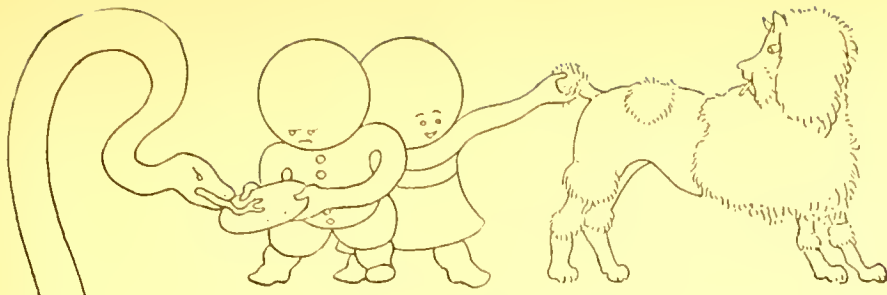
WHEN a person visits you, remember he's your guest,  
Receive him very kindly, and be sure he has the best;  
Make him very comfortable and show him all your toys,  
And only play the games you're very sure that he enjoys.

When you pay a visit, never grumble or complain,  
Try to be so affable they'll want you there again;  
Don't forget the older ones, your hostess least of all,  
When you're leaving tell her you have had a pleasant call!



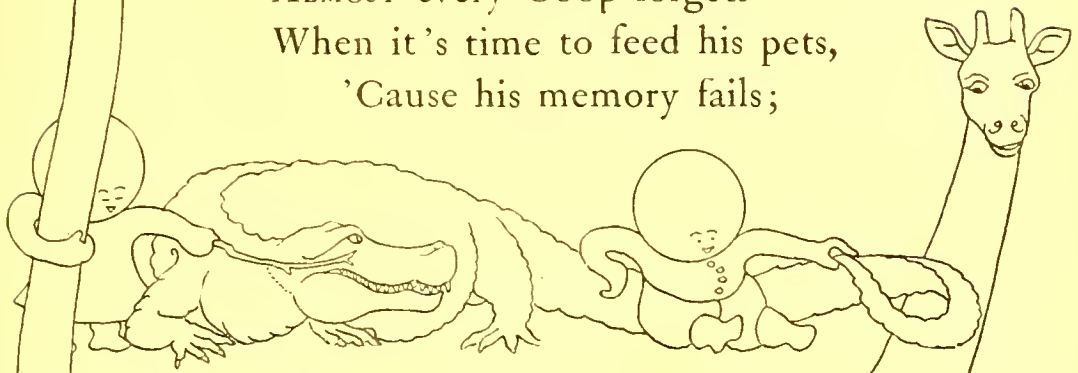






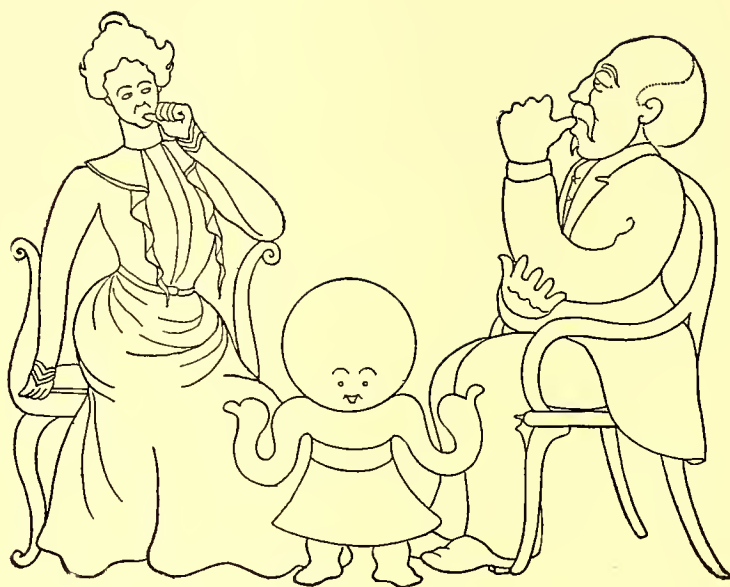
## *PETS*

ALMOST every Goop forgets  
When it's time to feed his pets,  
'Cause his memory fails;



Listen to his wails!  
He is often scratched or bitten  
By the puppy or the kitten,  
'Cause he pulls their tails!

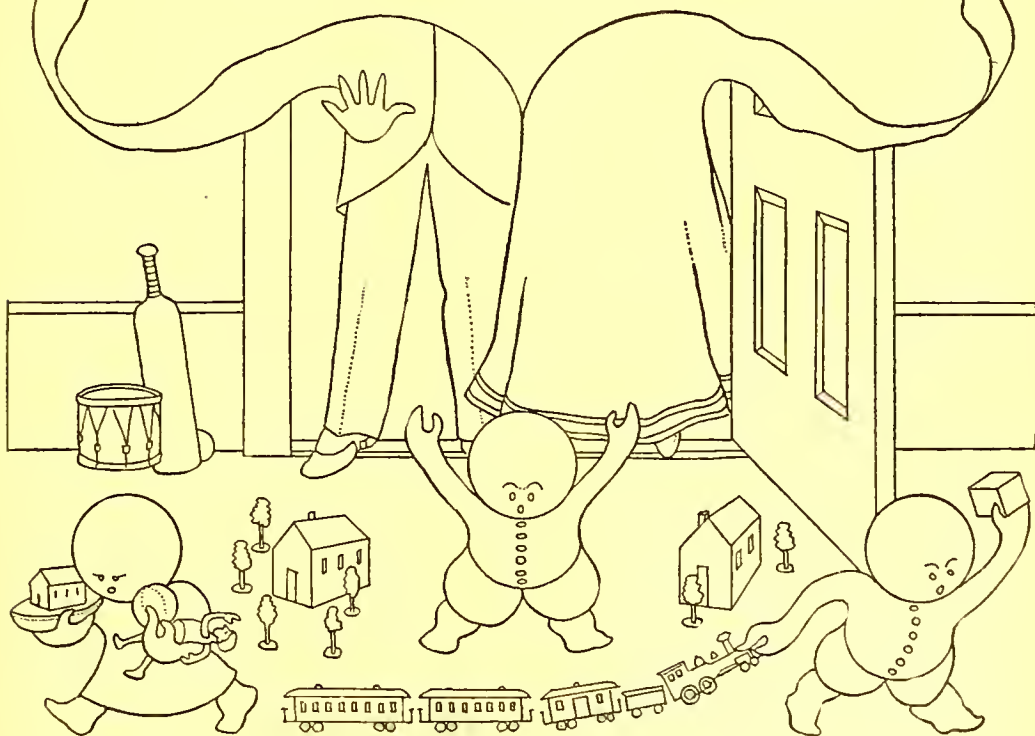




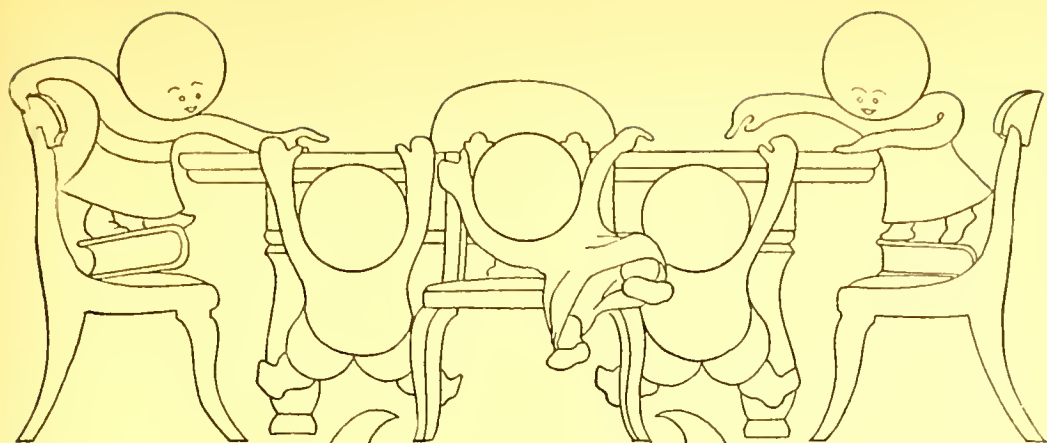


## *REMEMBER*

REMEMBER not to suck your thumb;  
Remember not to slam the door;  
Remember when the callers come  
To take your toys from off the floor.

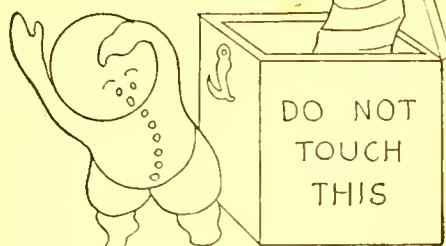
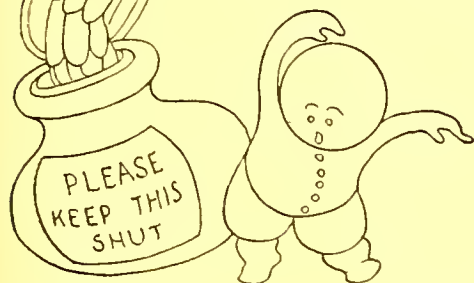




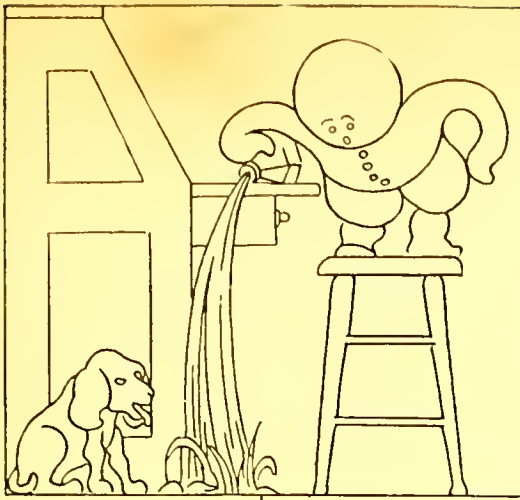


## CURIOSITY

I THINK that it would help you much  
If you'd remember *not to touch*.  
The Goops do this, and they do more,  
They peep and listen at the door!  
They open bottles of cologne,  
And feel of parcels not their own!  
But there are many stupid folks  
Who do not care for children's jokes.



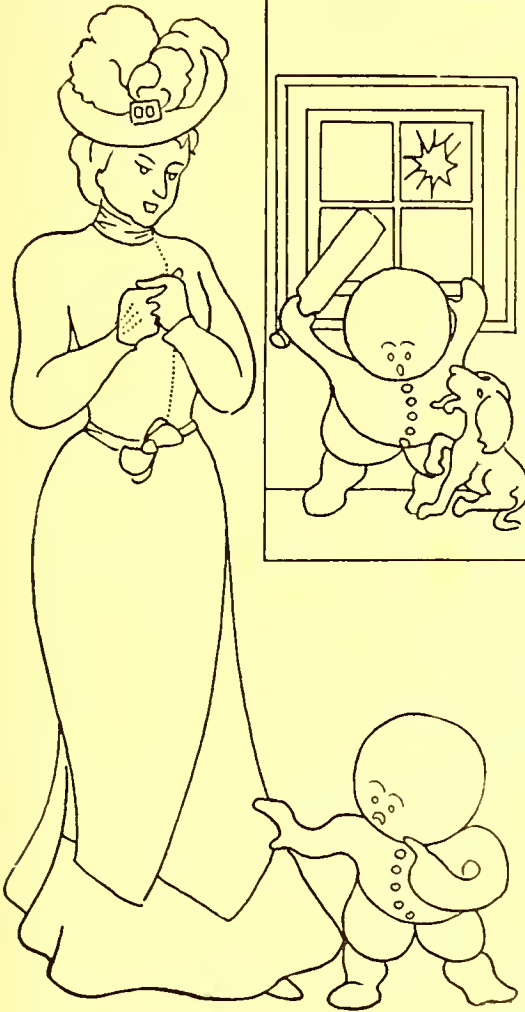




# WILLY

WILLY broke the window-  
pane.

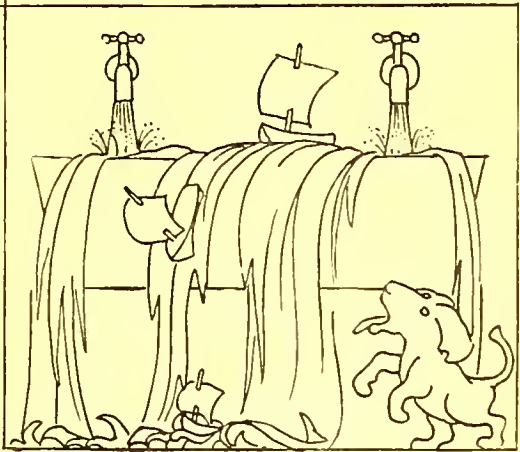
Willy spilled the ink,  
Willy left the water-pipe  
Running in the sink!

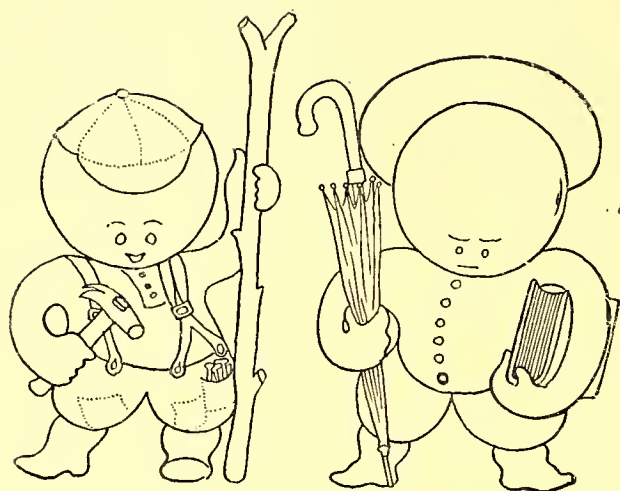


Did his mother punish him?

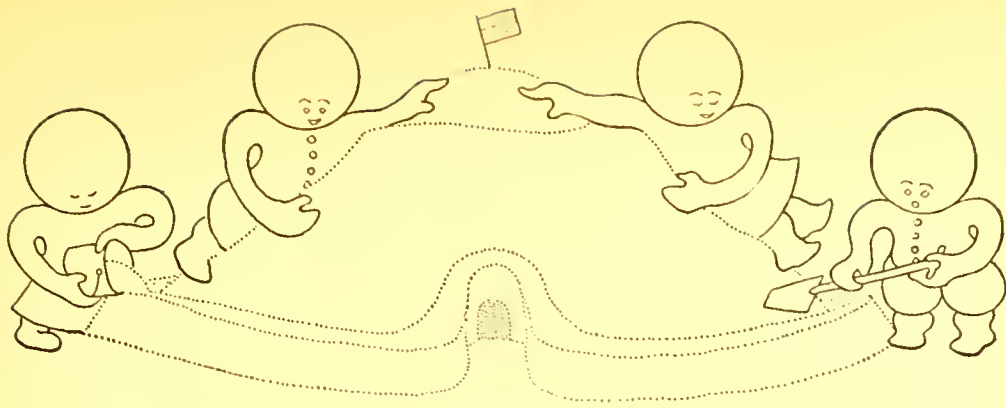
No! I'll tell you why.  
Willy, he owned up to it,  
And didn't tell a lie!

Willy told his mother  
Before she found it out  
*He* said: "I am so sorry!"  
*She* said "I have no doubt!





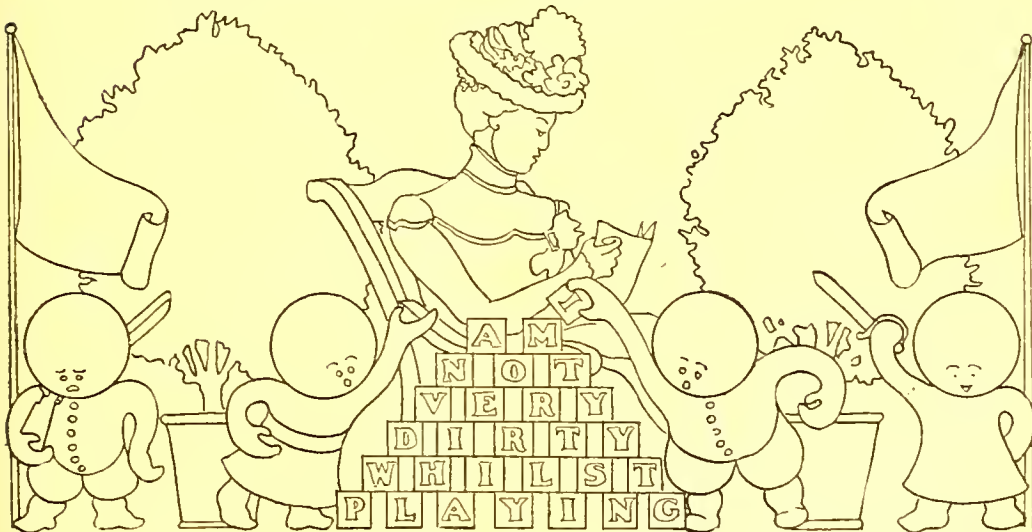




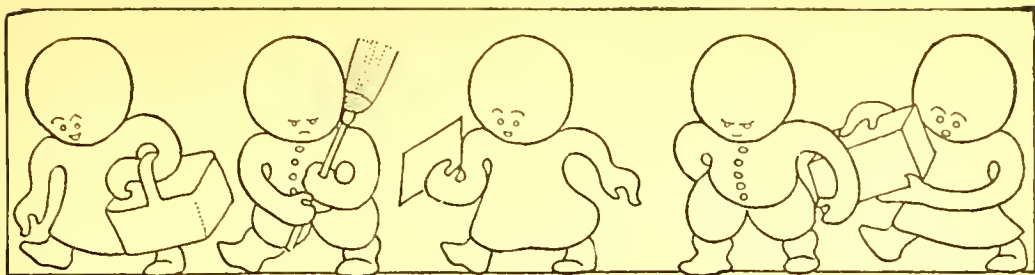
## CLOTHES

WHEN you are playing in the dirt,  
You should wear clothes you cannot hurt;  
It will not matter, when they 're worn,  
If they are just a *little* torn.

But when you 're really nicely dressed,  
Be careful of your Sunday Best!  
You must not crawl upon your knees;  
Be careful of your elbows, please!





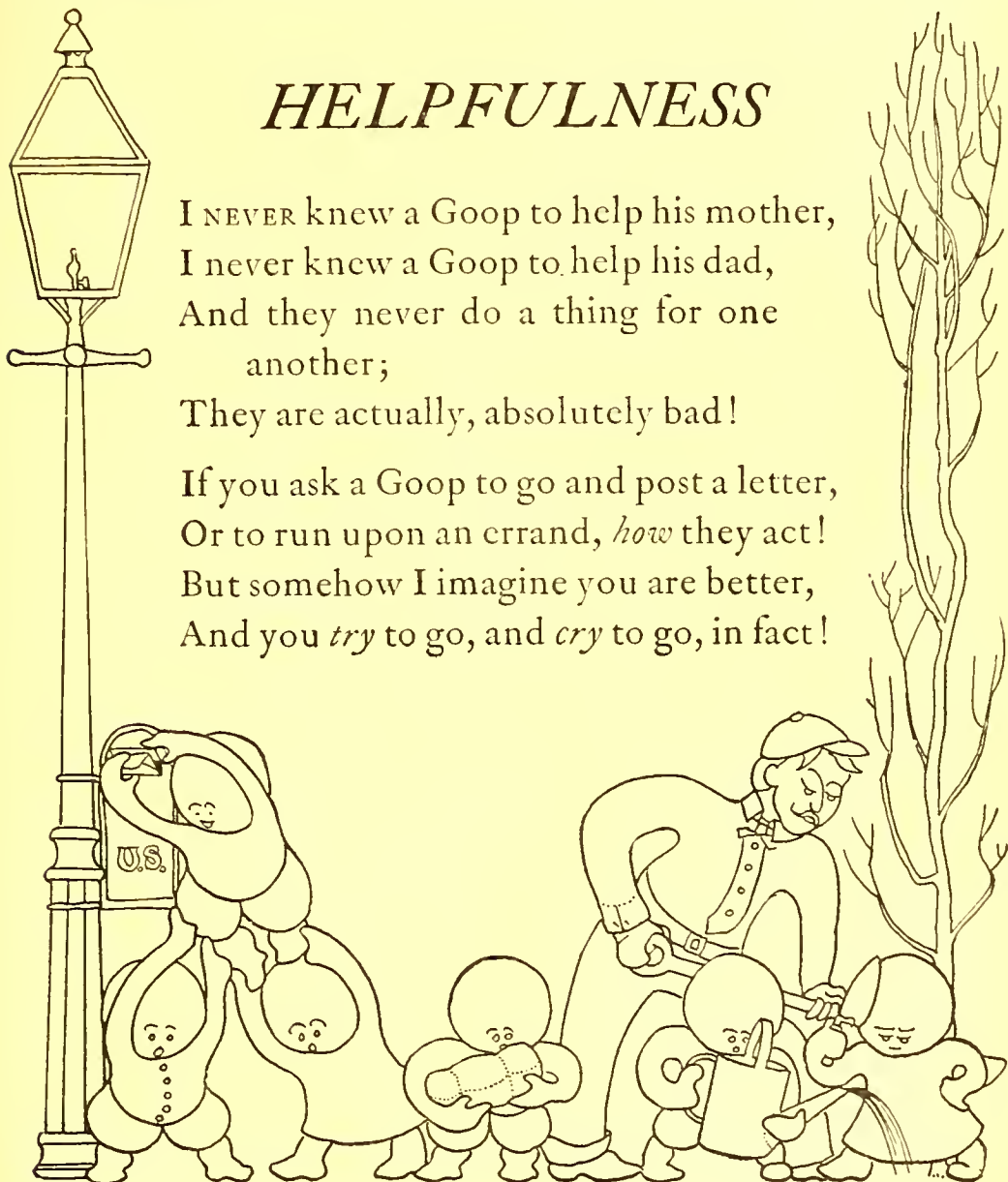


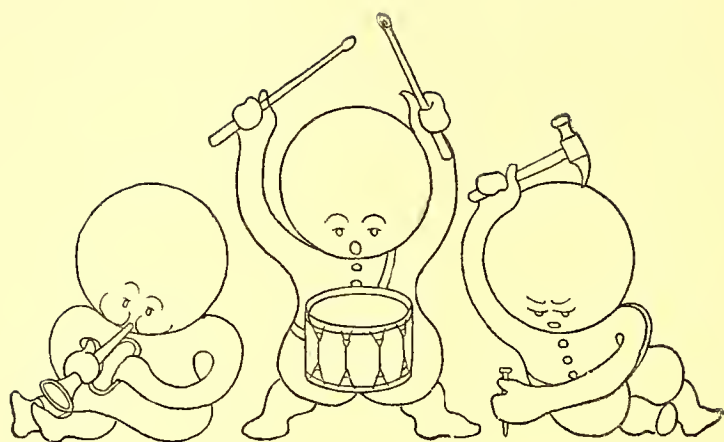
## HELPFULNESS

I NEVER knew a Goop to help his mother,  
I never knew a Goop to help his dad,  
And they never do a thing for one  
another;

They are actually, absolutely bad!

If you ask a Goop to go and post a letter,  
Or to run upon an errand, *how* they act!  
But somehow I imagine you are better,  
And you *try* to go, and *cry* to go, in fact!





# QUIETNESS



HUSH! for your father is reading.

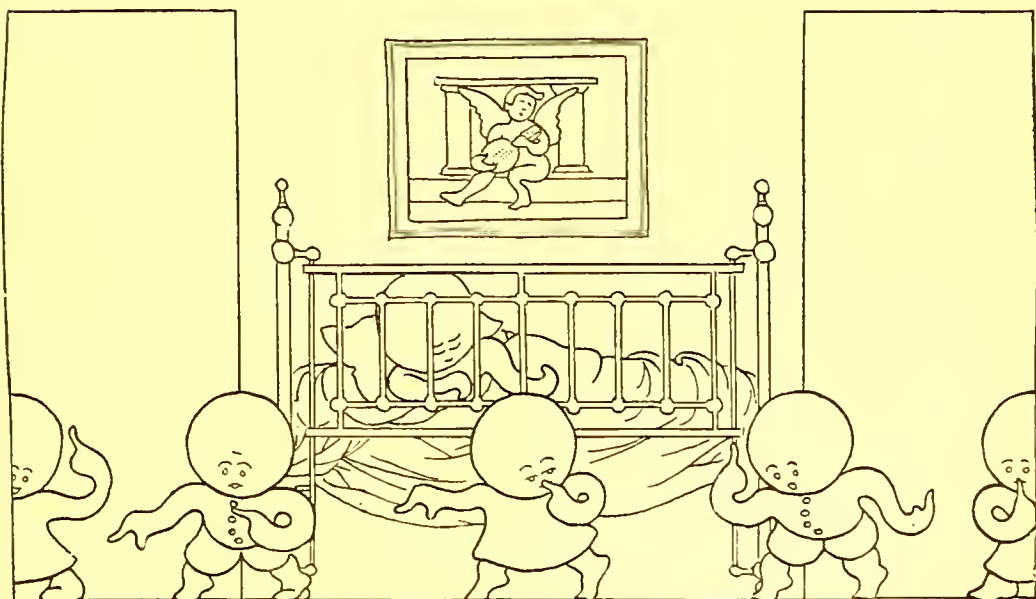
Hush! for your mother is ill.

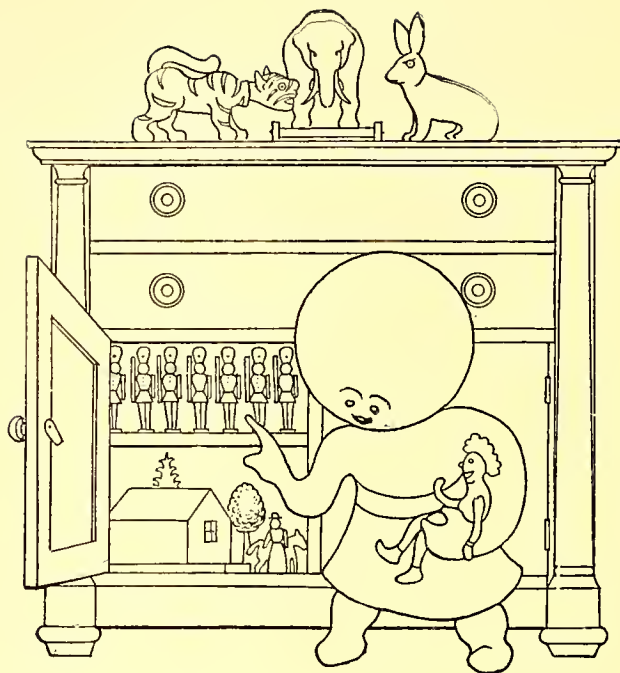
Hush! for the baby

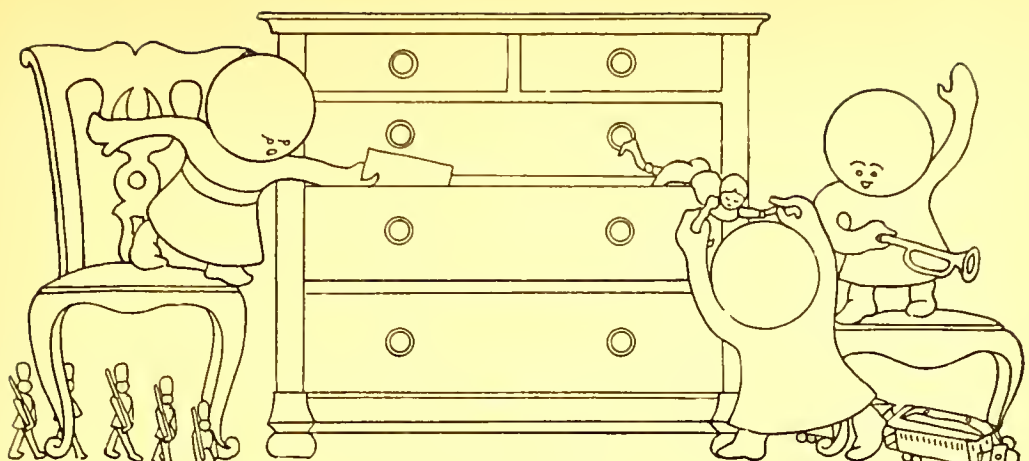
Is sleeping, and may be

He'll catch a nice dream if you're still.

Kiss me, and promise you will!



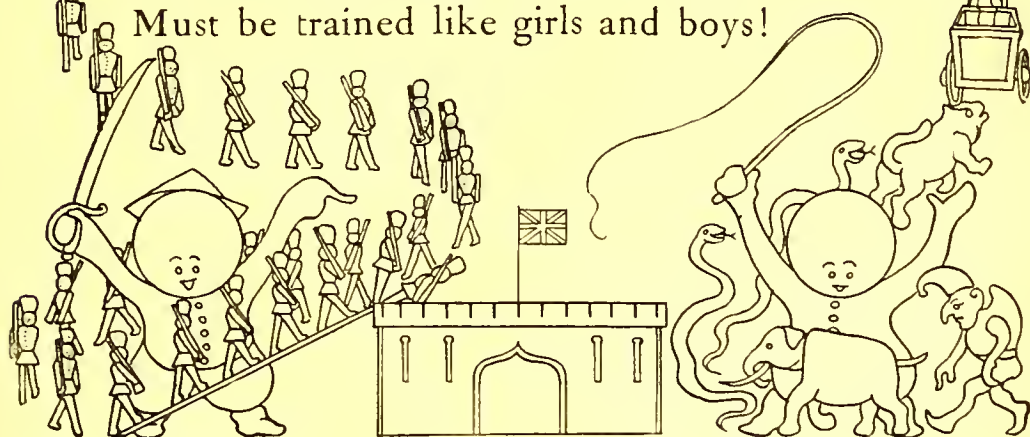




## ORDER

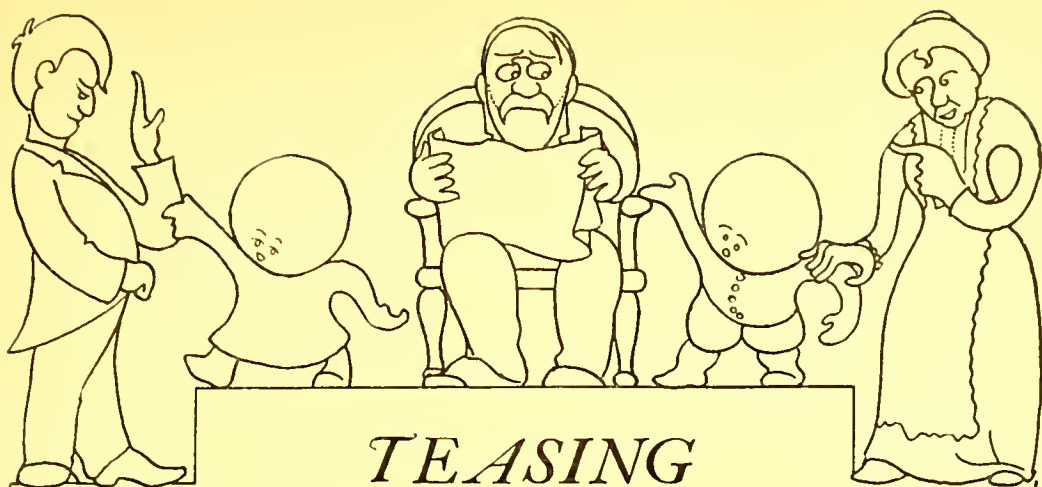
MAKE your soldiers march away,  
When you're finished with your  
play.

Lead them to the barrack-box,  
Make them carry all your blocks.  
Teach your doll to go to bed,  
Not to lie about instead;  
Tell her she must clear away  
Everything she's used to-day.  
All your playthings and your toys  
Must be trained like girls and boys!





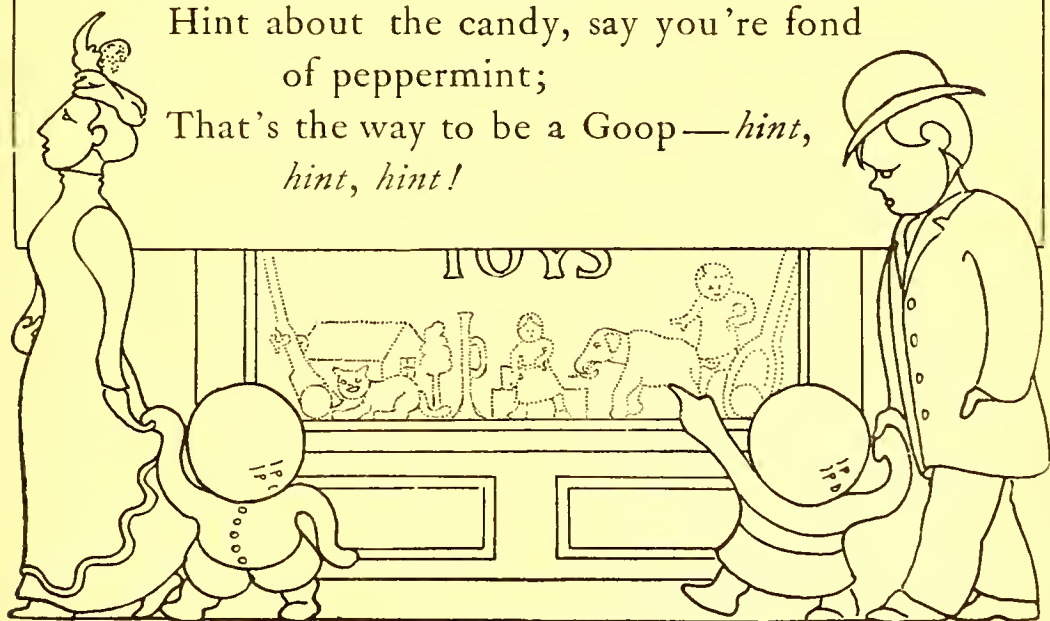




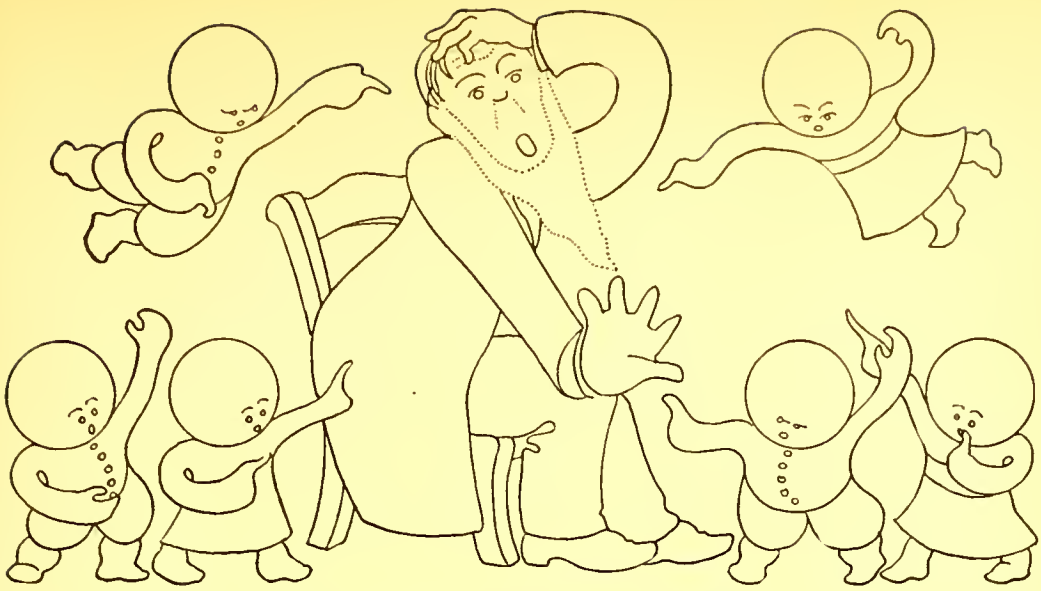
## TEASING

TEASE to linger longer when your mother bids you go;  
Tease to have a penny when your father answers, "No!"  
Tease to have a story when your uncle doesn't please;  
That's the way to be a Goop—*tease, tease, tease!*

Hint about the carriage when there's only room for three;  
Hint about the toys you like and every doll you see;  
Hint about the candy, say you're fond  
of peppermint;  
That's the way to be a Goop—*hint,  
hint, hint!*







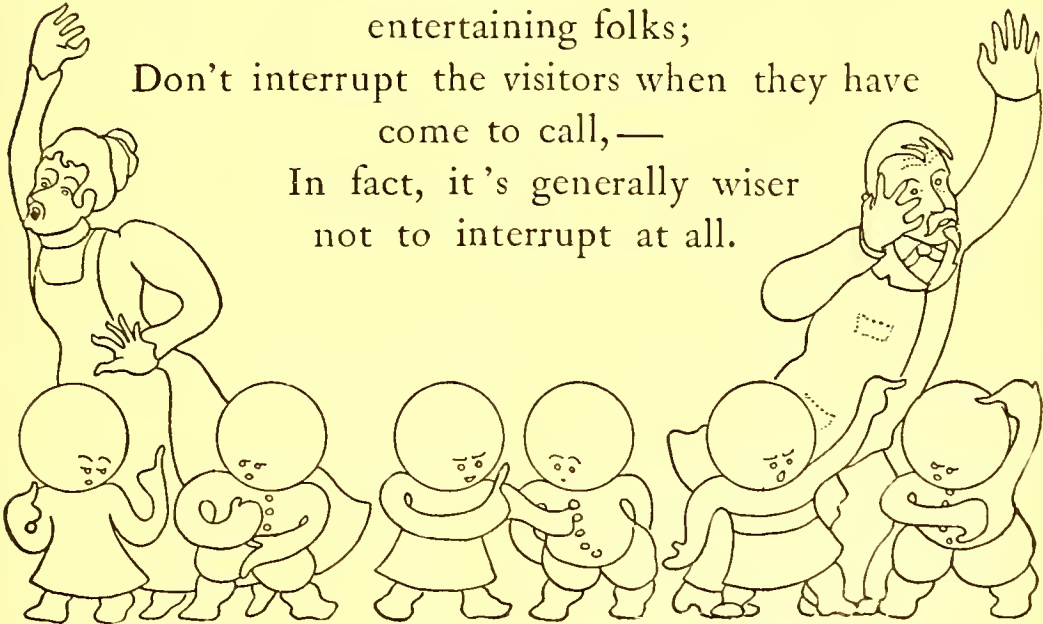
## *INTERRUPTION*

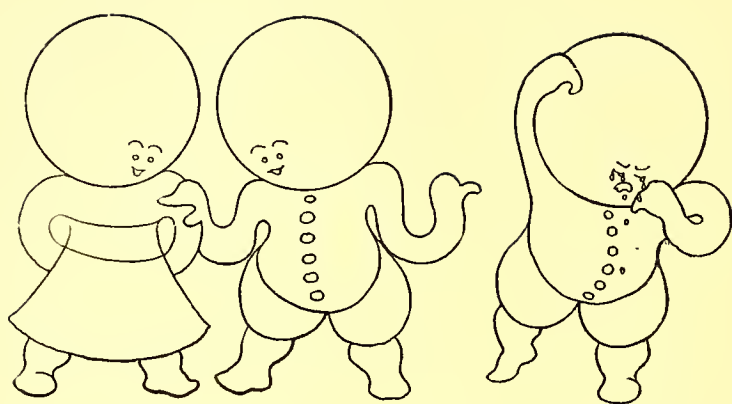
Don't interrupt your father when he's telling  
funny jokes;

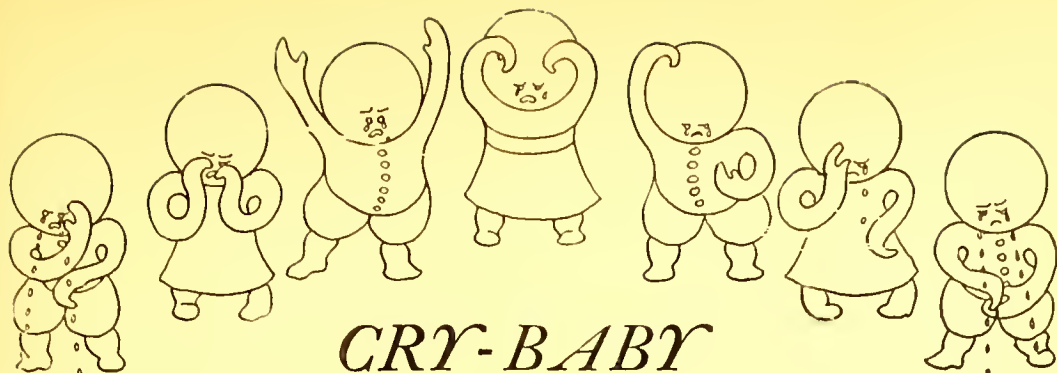
Don't interrupt your mother when she's  
entertaining folks;

Don't interrupt the visitors when they have  
come to call,—

In fact, it's generally wiser  
not to interrupt at all.







## *CRY-BABY*

I'm sure that I would rather die  
Than have my playmates see me cry;  
It twists your face  
And knots your forehead,  
And makes you look all cross and  
horrid;  
And every one who sees you cries  
"What is the matter with your  
eyes?"

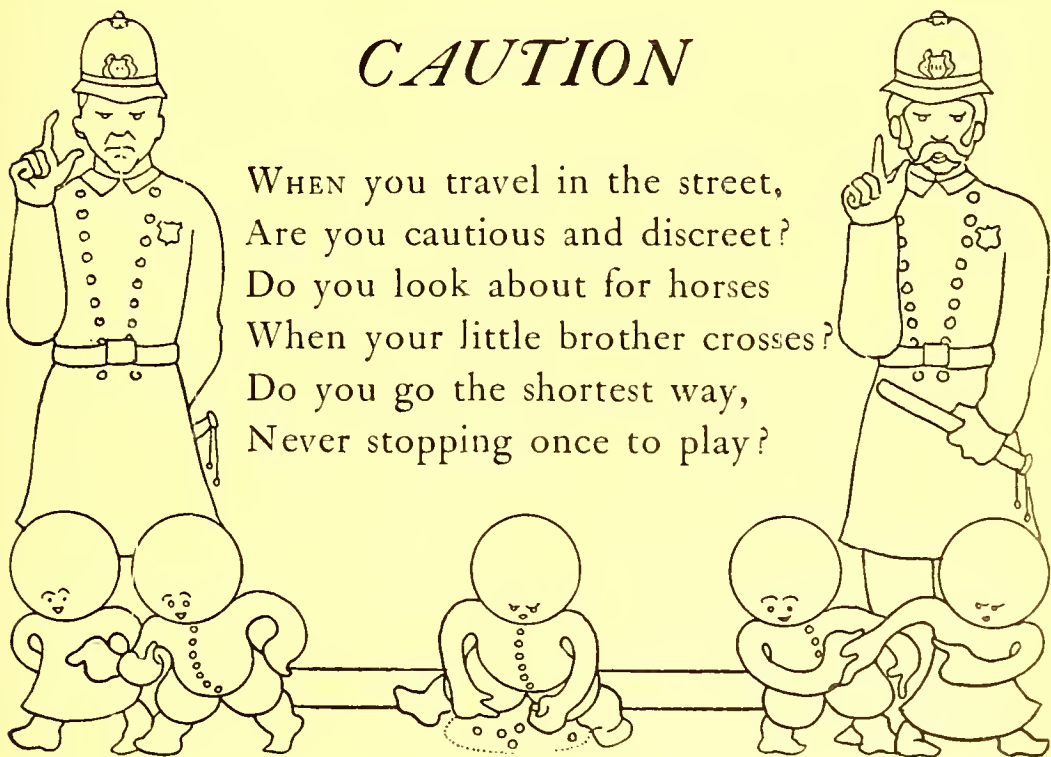






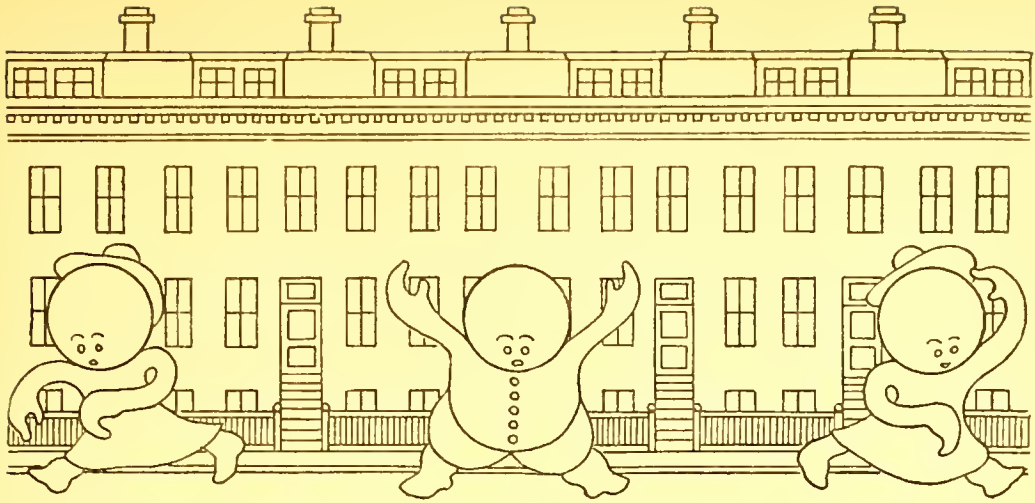
## *CAUTION*

WHEN you travel in the street,  
Are you cautious and discreet?  
Do you look about for horses  
When your little brother crosses?  
Do you go the shortest way,  
Never stopping once to play?



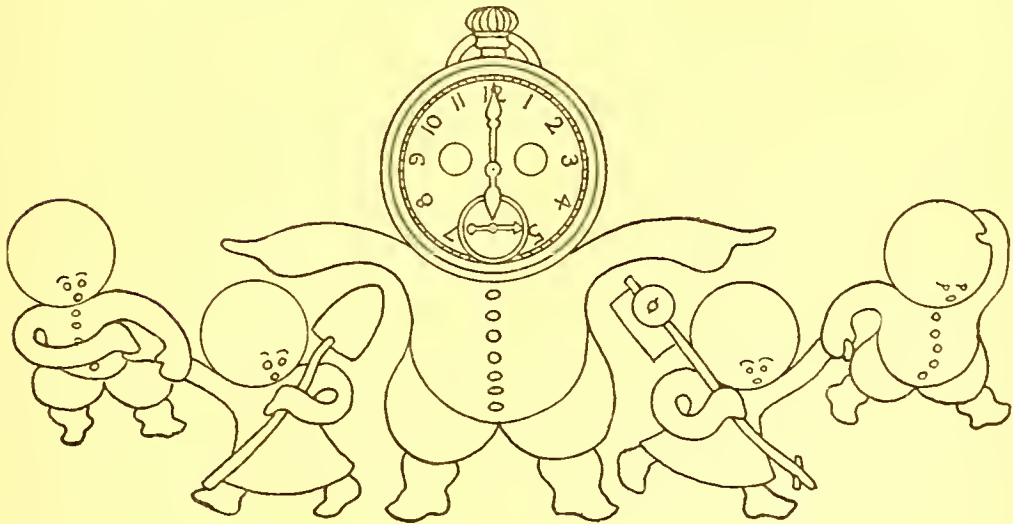


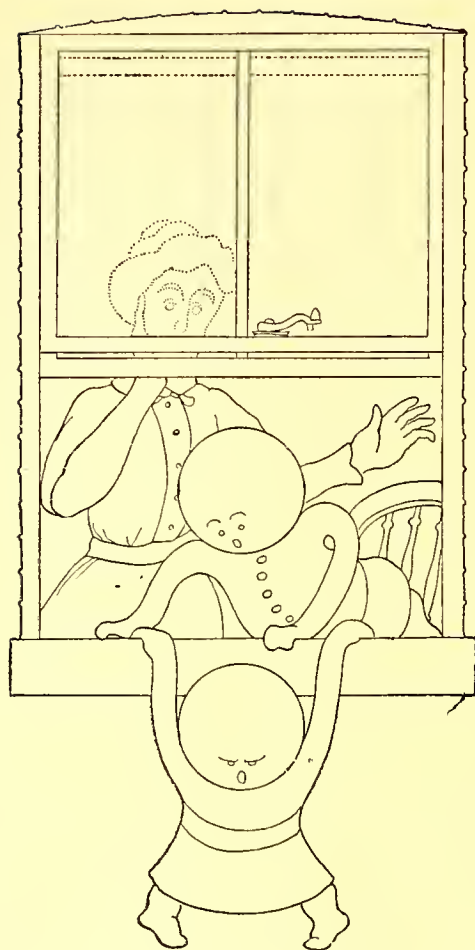




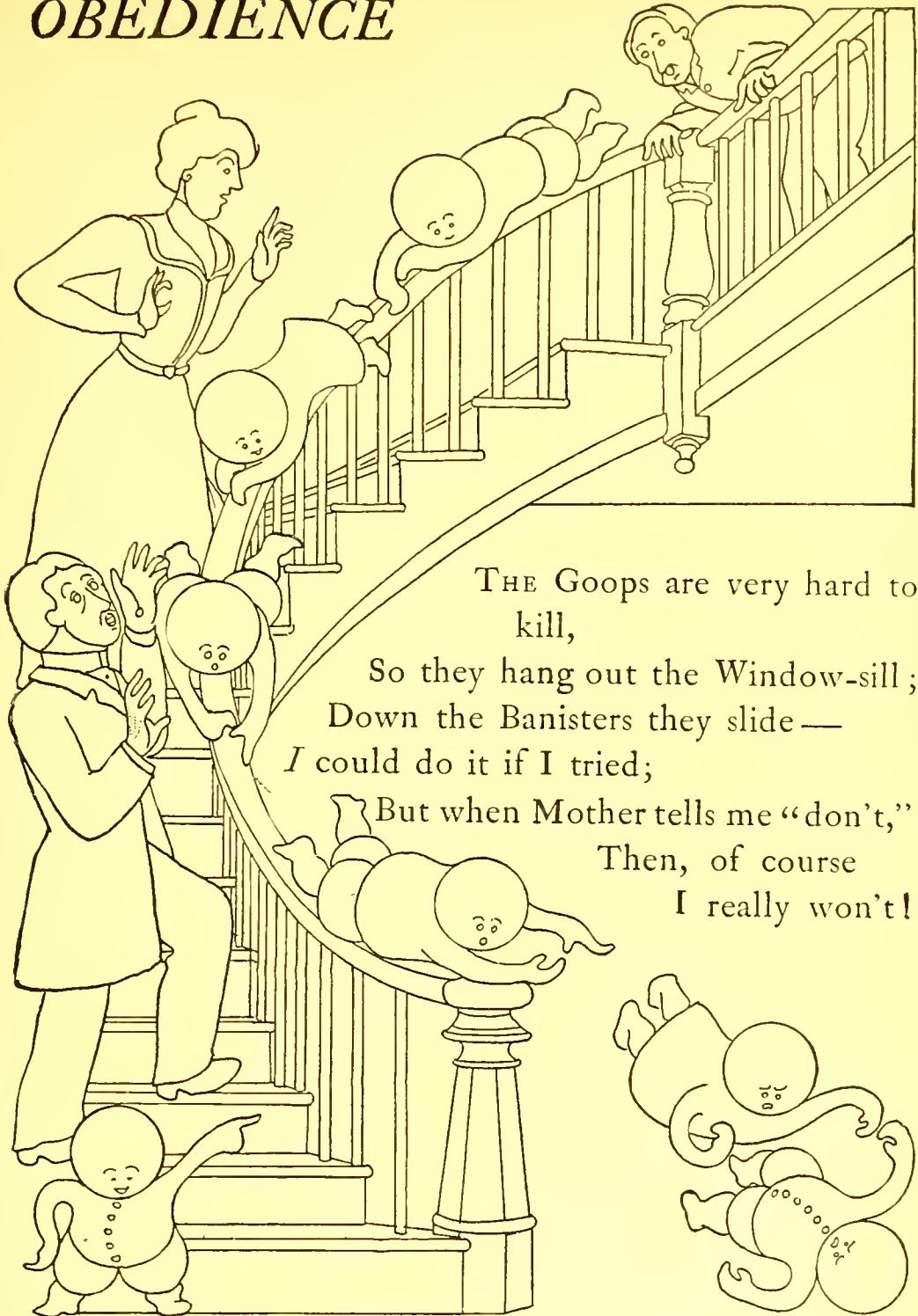
## *TARDINESS*

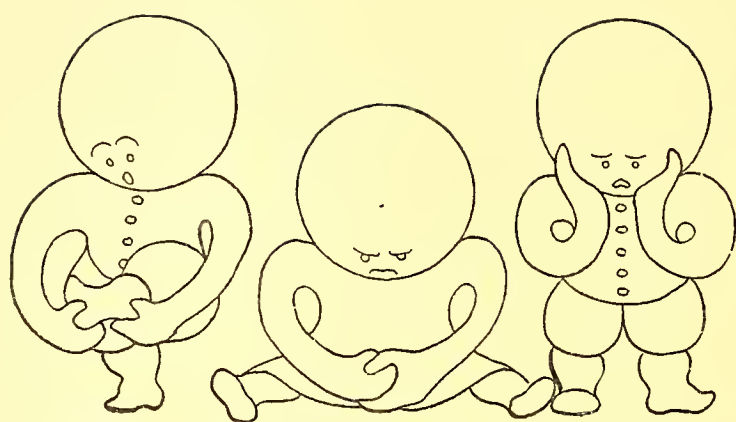
GOODNESS gracious sakes alive!  
Mother said, "Come home at five!"  
Now the clock is striking six,  
I am in a norful fix!  
She will think I can't be trusted,  
And she'll say that she's disgusted!





# OBEDIENCE







## *CHURCH HEADACHES*

WHEN 't is time to go to church

Do you ever have a chill?

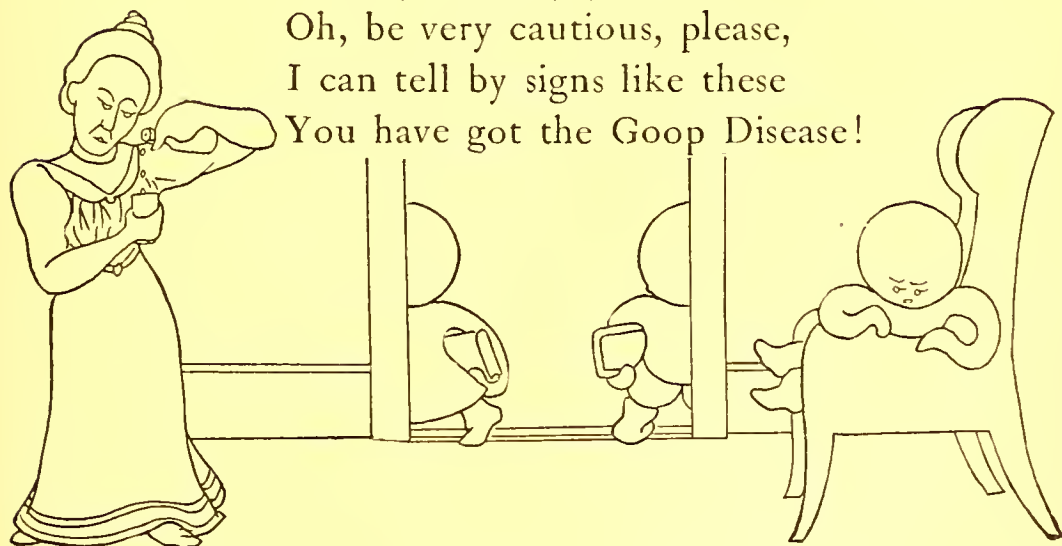
When 't is time to go to school,

Do you fancy you are ill?

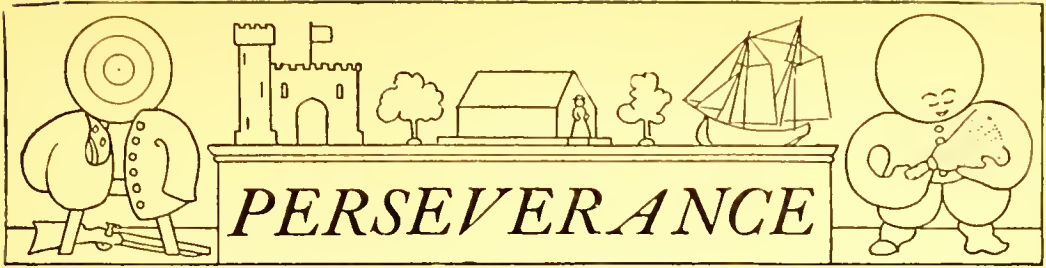
Oh, be very cautious, please,

I can tell by signs like these

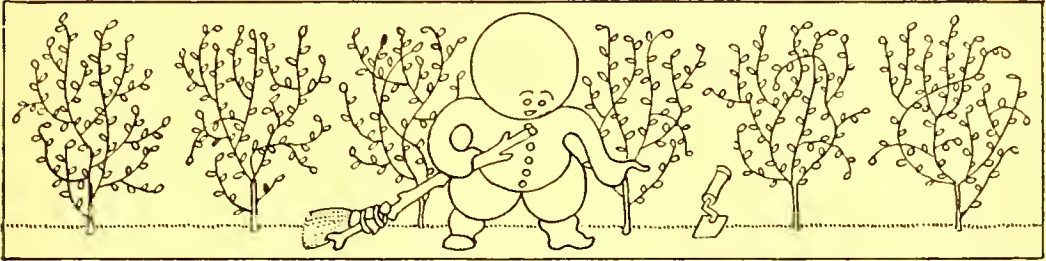
You have got the Goop Disease!



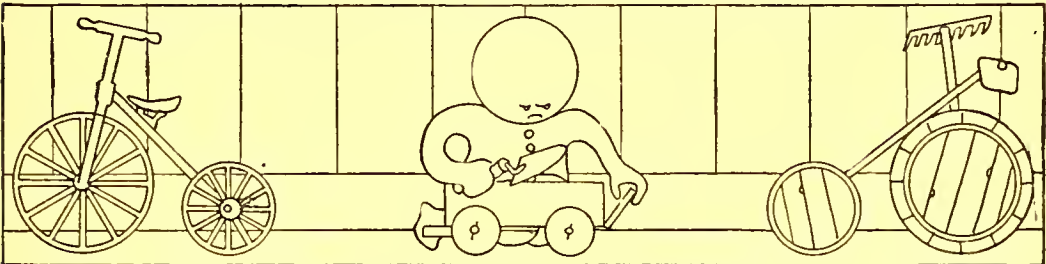




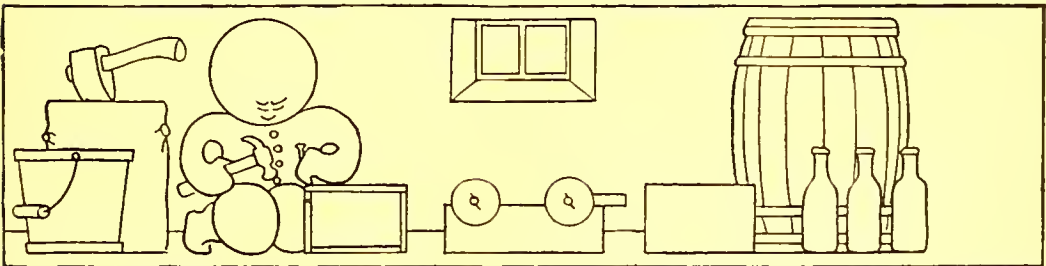
Tony started bright and early, clearing up his room,  
Soon he found he had to stop and make a little broom;



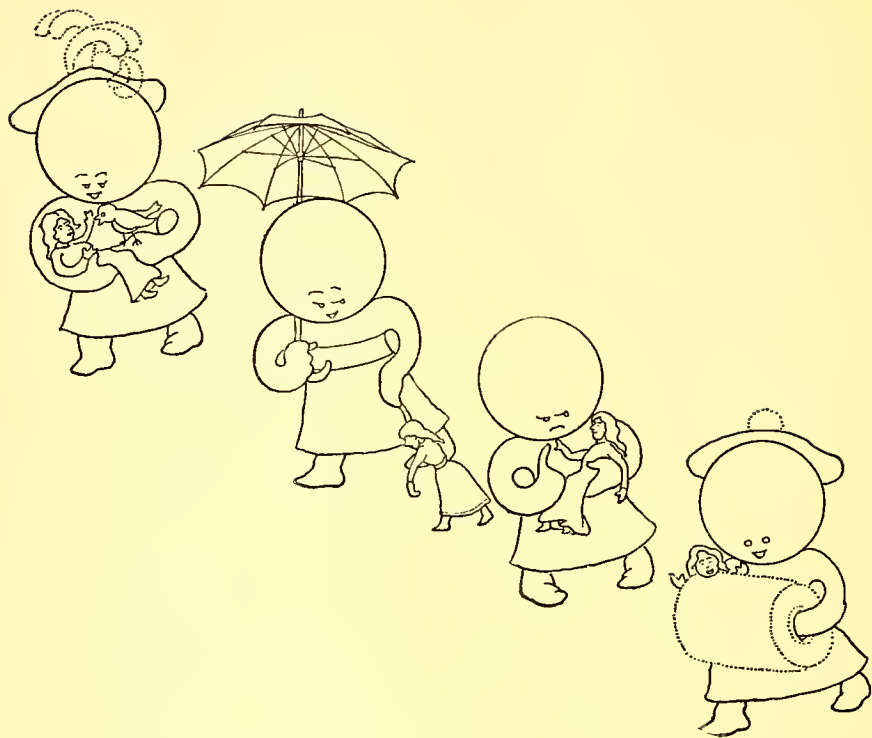
So then he went into the yard to get a little stick,  
But the garden needed weeding, so he set about it, quick!



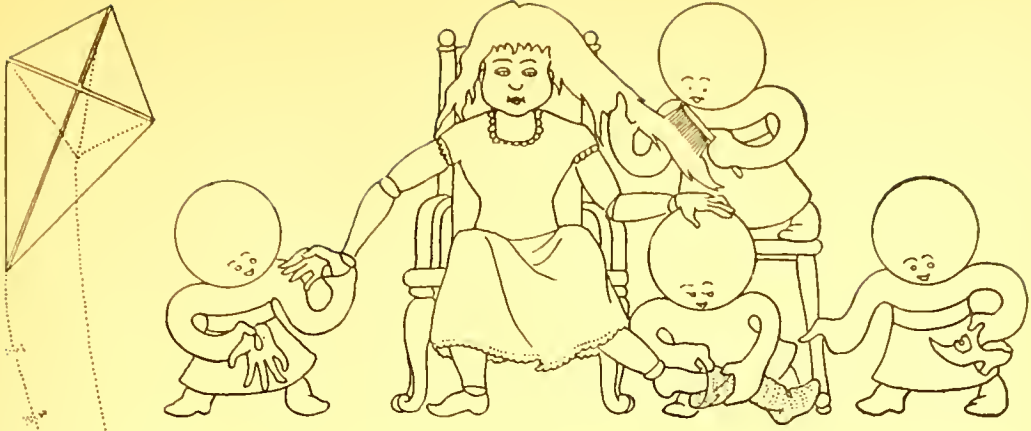
Then he found his wagon he intended to repair,  
So he went into the cellar for the hammer that was there;



He'd just begun to build a box, when it was time for dinner;  
And that's why Tony's father called his son a "good beginner."



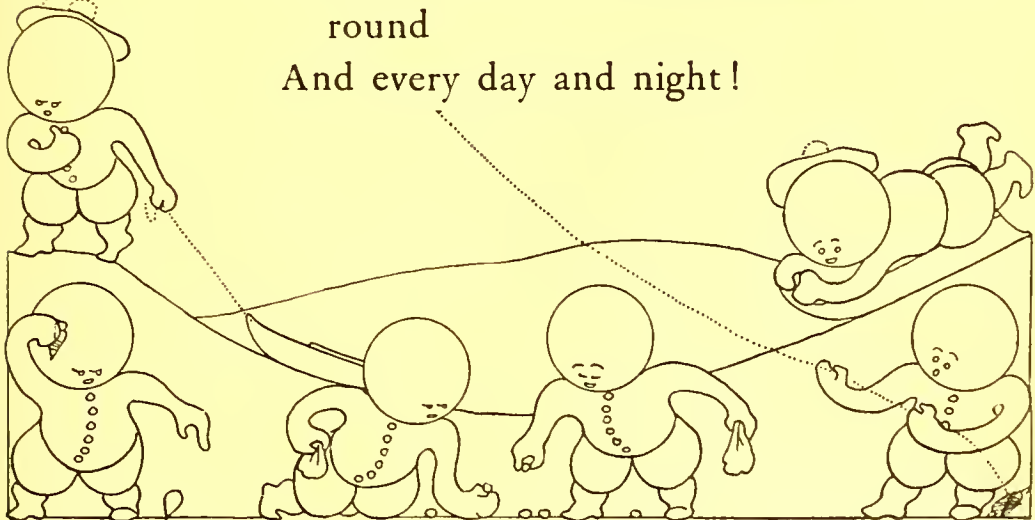




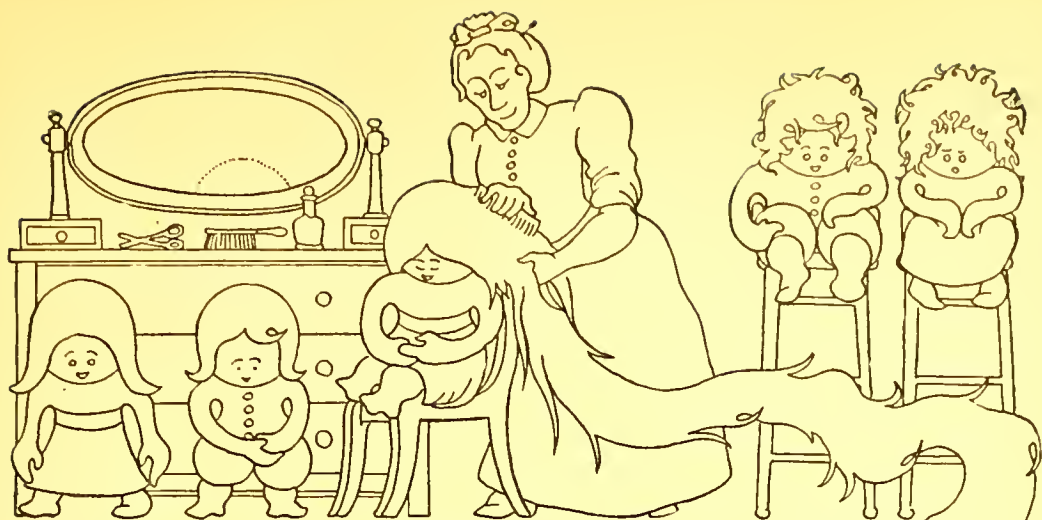
## *DOLL-TIME*

SPRING's the time for marbles  
And Fall's the time for tops,  
But boys don't know, they only go  
By seeing them in shops!

They like a sled in Winter,  
In Summer 't is a kite;  
But dolls are found the whole year  
round  
And every day and night!



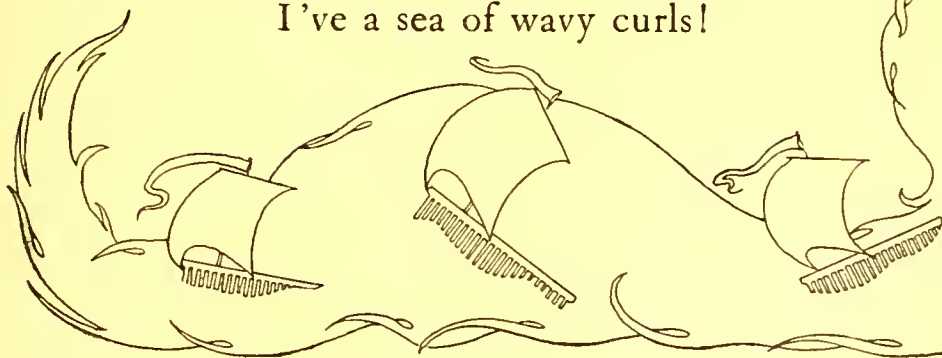


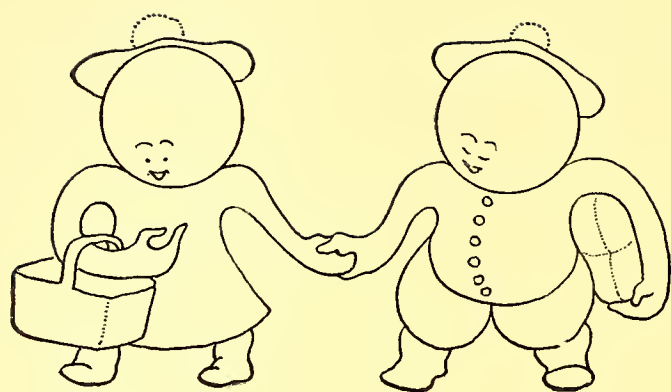


## COMBING & CURLING

*When your mother combs your hair,  
Here's a rhyme for you to say:  
If you try it, I declare,  
It will take the snarls away!*

In the ocean of my hair,  
Many little waves are there;  
Make the comb, a little boat,  
Over all the billows float;  
Sail the rough and tangled tide  
Till it's smooth on every side,  
Till, like other little girls,  
I've a sea of wavy curls!







# *CHEERFULNESS*

Now the book is finished  
(It's too long by half,  
Mere didactic chaff),  
One more rule won't hurt you :  
When you practise Virtue,  
Do it with a laugh !

